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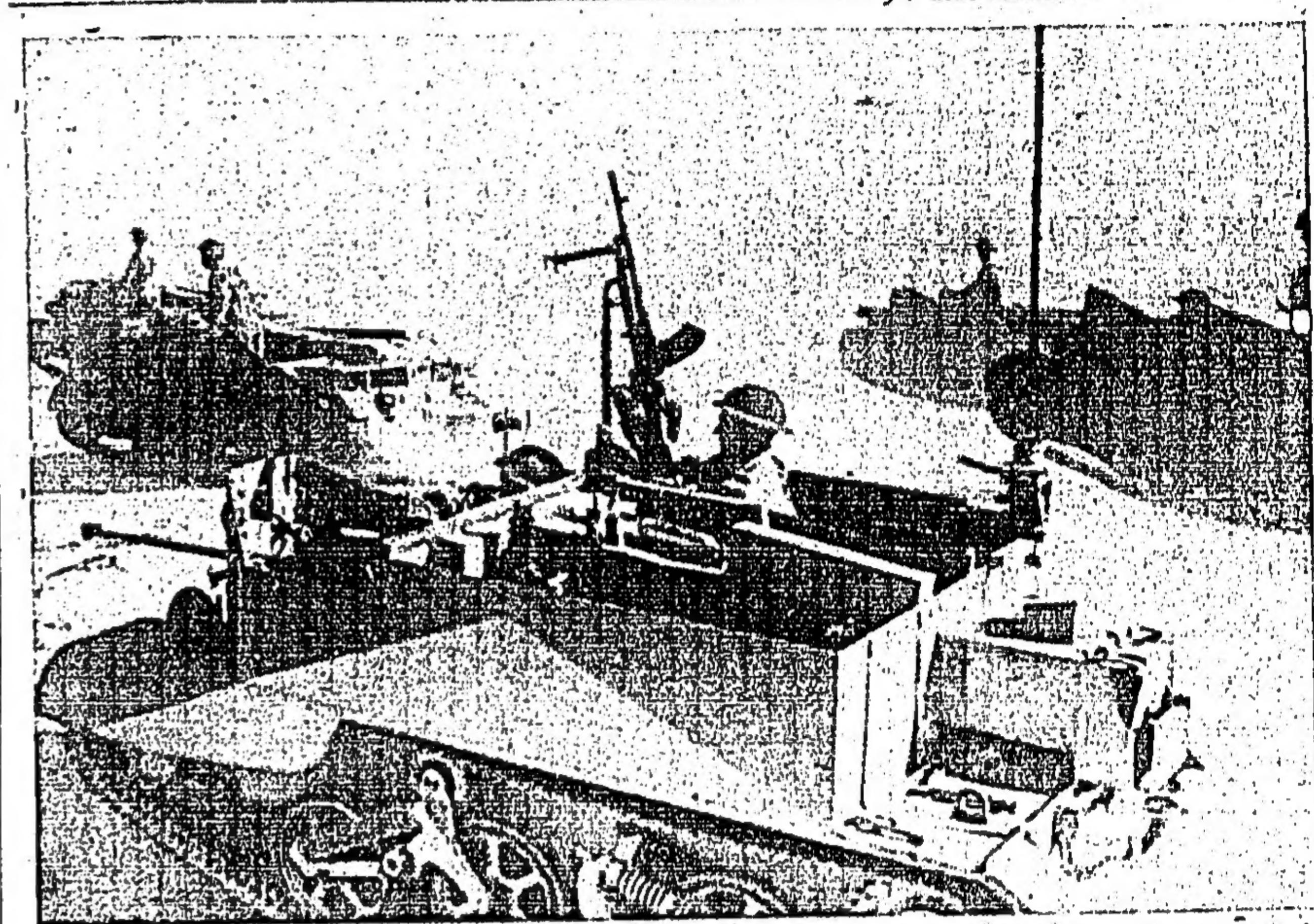
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British and Imperial troops  
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and have made important gains  
around Capuzzo. This picture  
shows British carriers with Australian  
troops in action in the Western  
Desert. These vehicles are playing a big part in the present offensive.



Libyan Offensive

## British Occupation Of Capuzzo Reported

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—The occupation of Capuzzo by the Allies, though still not confirmed, is reported after strenuous fighting in which a large number of armoured fighting vehicles were engaged.

The conflict continues on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in the triangle of Sollum, Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops have attacked Hellfire Pass (Halfaya) and south of the escarpment. Fighting continues also on top of the escarpment, west of Halfaya.

It is emphasized that the offensive mentioned in to-day's communiqué does not mean a large-scale offensive; the present battle is just a continuation of the ding-dong struggle progressing; ever since the retreat from Benghazil.

### Little Opposition

There was little opposition to the Allied move south of the escarpment; real fighting began when the troops entered the comparatively limited area of the desert round Halfaya which is the main scene of the present operations.

The main point is that while the recent fighting was east of Halfaya, the present is to the west, but it is early yet to say what developments will follow the thrust.

### Operation Continuing

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—A British G.I.Q. communiqué announces: "Yesterday our troops in the Western Desert took offensive action against the enemy holding positions in the area south and southeast of Sollum. The operation is continuing."

### Fighting Vehicles Involved

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—Considerable numbers of Army fighting vehicles are involved in the Western Desert fighting at Sollum, Dismal and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops are participating and fighting is proceeding west of Halfaya.

## TOKYOTALKS

### Government and High Command

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, June 16 (Dowse).—An extraordinary conference between the High Command and the Government was held at the Premier's official residence this afternoon to discuss outstanding problems at home and abroad.

Government officials present were the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yukio Matsukata, the War Minister, Lieutenant-General Hideki Tojo, the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Director of the Military Affairs Bureau, Major-General Akira Muto, and the Director of the Naval Affairs Bureau, Rear-Admiral Takuzumi Oka.

Representing the High Command were General Gen. Saito, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Admiral Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff.

After the adjournment of the conference, the War Minister, Lieutenant-General Tojo, remained at the Premier's official residence and conferred separately with Major-General Akira Muto and Rear-Admiral Takuzumi Oka. The substance of the discussions was not revealed.

## Secret Nazi-Japanese Agreement Revealed

Special to the "Telegraph"

London, June 16 (UP).—According to highly reliable non-British diplomatic sources it is revealed that there is a secret German-Japanese economic agreement whereby Tokyo will undertake to deliver a large volume of tropical products, notably rubber, tin and vegetable oils, to Germany, while Berlin will supply armaments for Japan.

Whether Japan will attack the Netherlands East Indies in order to obtain enough produce to satisfy Hitler as well as Japan, apparently depends upon whether or not Japan requires

## ROOSEVELT ORDERS GERMAN CONSULATES TO BE CLOSED

### Dramatic Move Follows Freezing Of Credits

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, JUNE 16 (UP).—THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO-DAY ORDERED THE CLOSING OF ALL GERMAN CONSULATES NOT LATER THAN JULY 10. IT IS ALSO ORDERED THAT THE TRANSOCEAN NEWS AGENCY, THE GERMAN TOURIST AGENCY AND THE GERMAN LIBRARY OF INFORMATION, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN NEW YORK, BE CLOSED.

In addition, President Roosevelt ordered the expulsion of their German employees on charges of improper activities "inimical to the welfare of the United States."

The order does not break diplomatic relations because the German Embassy is not affected; however, it may prove to be a development leading to a diplomatic rupture between Germany and the United States.

### Allies Continue Syria Advance

## Powerful Forces outside Damascus

JERUSALEM, June 16 (Reuter).—The Allied forces outside Damascus are very powerful. A spokesman to-day fore-saw at the same time that the steep hills and orchards protecting the city from the southwest might necessitate entry from the northern side by an encircling movement.

### DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON PORTS

#### Forays By R.A.F.

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—Shortly before midnight, the Air Ministry published further details of to-day's daylight raid on the Channel ports saying "further report of offensive operations carried out late this afternoon, show that at Boulogne, a railway station and a large store house were hit by bombs dropped by Coastal Command aircraft."

One column of mechanized Vichy reinforcements from Beirut using this road was completely halted by the naval shelling and compelled to retreat in disorder.

### British Beyond Sidon

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—"All along the Syrian coast, British columns have advanced north of Sidon" says to-day's French communiqué, cited by the Lyons radio. "On an important sector of the front, our troops counter-attacked."

The communiqué does not specify which sector is referred to.

### Heavy Fighting

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—Heavy fighting is developing in the Allied central sector in Syria, announced a British G.I.Q. communiqué.

### French Naval Planes

VICHY, June 16 (Reuter).—French naval planes which have arrived in the Levant immediately attacked the British Fleet off Sidon, according to the Vichy news agency.

It adds: "The result of the attack is unknown but it is reported that it was effective."

### Beirut Report

BEIRUT, June 16 (UP).—At dawn to-day two French destroyers challenged British units at the mouth of Beirut Bay in full view of the city. A lively exchange of shells continued for a half hour and the conning tower awakened the populace. The British later withdrew and the French returned to the harbour.

## Flying Boat Downs Four Nazi Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry issued a communiqué to-day stating that a Catalina flying boat of the Coastal Command attacked four enemy aircraft over Gibraltar on Sunday and damaged all of them. It is understood that these are the four German planes which crashed in Portugal yesterday.

### Planes Discovered

LISBON, June 16 (UP).—It has been confirmed that three German planes and another of undetermined nationality crashed in South Portugal, presumably on Sunday night after which they caught fire. Several bodies have been discovered. Open parachutes indicated that at least one of the crews had landed and escaped.

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## Help Bombed Civilians in Britain

Old clothes of all descriptions are badly needed for Men, Women and Children in the Bombed Areas in Britain. Such gifts will be received by the B. W. O. F., c/o Government House, during office hours, Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., allowing for Lunch Interval and Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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## CROWN LAND SOLD

## Factories to be Built On Kowloon Sites

Brisk bidding marked the sale by auction of three lots of Crown land at the office of the Public Works Department yesterday.

Lot No. 4307, covering an area of 41,275 square feet, situated at Chatham Road, between San Loo Street and Pak Hung Street, Kowloon, was sold to Messrs D. M. Hu and C. C. Yu of No. 24 Victoria Avenue, Kowloon, for \$40,000. The upset price was \$30,000. The annual rental is \$750.

Mr Ng Man, of Messrs Ah Man Co., No. 222 Chatham Road, was the successful bidder, at \$8,500, for Lot No. 4309, situated at the junction of Ha Heung Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon, with an area of approximately 4,900 square feet. The upset price was \$3,720, and the rental is \$92 per annum.

Lot No. 2850, at Un Chan Street, Cheung Shu Wan, Kowloon, which covers an area of approximately 6,600 square feet, fell to Mr Cheung Ying-chan, of No. 25 Ng Tsin Wan Road, for \$9,000, the upset price being \$4,011. The lot carries an annual rental of \$92.

It is understood that the new owners propose to build factories on the sites.

Mr E. B. Lambert conducted the auction.

## Programmes Of Week

## Relays And Talks

To-morrow's luncheon programme from ZBW commences with light variety, and after the Reuter news there are compositions of Vaughan Williams which include his *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. The evening transmission opens with a programme by Nat Stikoff and His Orchestra with vocal items by Inn Sauer, and is followed at 7.15 by violin solos, and at 7.30 by compositions of Purcell including his Suite for Dido and Aeneas. Mayerbeer's Ballet Suite "Les Patineurs" follows the 8 o'clock news and "Questions of the Hour" from London, and at twenty to 9 Father Ryan will give the third of his talks in the series "Some British Poets", his subject this week being Burns. Music and songs from the films will be broadcast at two minutes past 9, followed by a quarter of an hour of light orchestral selections. The 10 o'clock London news will be followed by dance music and at 11 o'clock "Correspondence Column", a talk by Sidney Hornblow, will be relayed from London.

Thursday's luncheon programme is entirely of light variety. The Symphony Orchestra with Nancy Evans (soprano) opens the evening transmission, and this is followed at 20 past 7 by Grieg's *Sonata in C Minor* for Violin and Piano, and some Grieg songs. A military band concert will be broadcast immediately after the 8 o'clock news and "Questions of the Hour", from London, and organ selections by Reginald Foort will follow the 9 o'clock local time signal. The Local Newsletter from the Studio of ZBW will be given at the Studio of ZBW will be given at 9.15, and this will be followed by Vocal Duets by Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth and Light Orchestral Selections. Three quarters of an hour of Dance Music will be broadcast after the 10 o'clock London news, and the programme ends with a talk in the series "To Talk of Many Things" which is relayed from London at 11 o'clock.

Quiller's "Childrens Overture" will be heard after the 1 o'clock local time signal at lunch time on Friday, followed by Lambert's "The Rio Grande". The evening transmission opens with dance music followed by variety; at half past 8 Debroy Somers' Band, followed at two minutes past 8 by songs by Marlan Anderson, and at 12 minutes past 9 by Brahms' Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115. Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata will be heard at a quarter to 10. From 10.15 until O.M. Green's Newsletter for the Far East is relayed from London at 11 o'clock, there is a programme by the Orchestra Raymond and Tina Rossi.

Sibelli's programme opens Saturday evening's transmission. This includes two recordings which have not previously been broadcast over ZBW, "En Saga" and "Pohjola's Daughter", followed at 7.30 by a Chopin Recital. The special broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East will now be relayed at 8.30 immediately after the news and "Questions of the Hour" from London. Folk songs and folk music will be broadcast from two minutes past 9 until half past 9, followed by a quarter of an hour of concert waltzes. Three-quarters of an hour of dance music will follow the 10 o'clock London news, and from 11 o'clock until the station closes at midnight "Music Hall" will be relayed from London.

The transmission opens on Sunday evening at a quarter past 7 with the J. H. Squire Celeste Octet and songs by John McCormick. The news and "Questions of the Hour" from London is followed by Debussy's Nocturnes. After the 8 o'clock local time signal there is a short Piano recital by Walter Giesecking, and at 9.15 book reviews from the Studio of ZBW. From 9.30 until the 10 o'clock news is relayed from London, there is a programme of the compositions of Handel including his *Sonata in D Major* and *Concerto Grosso No. 3*. The Epilogue will be given from the Studio at 10.30, and the station will close at 10 minutes to 11.

Readers are again reminded that times are quoted in the new Hongkong Summer Time, i.e. 9 hours in advance of G.M.T. and one hour in advance of Hongkong Standard Time.

Short wave listeners are reminded that news in French is broadcast every night at a quarter to 10 Hongkong Summer Time.

## SALT FISH STORAGE

## Government Curing Station At Aberdeen

The process of salting fish for storage purposes was explained to a "Hongkong Telegraph" representative during a visit to the Government Fish Curing Station at Aberdeen yesterday. This is a part of Government's plan to create a reserve stock of food in the Colony, and the fish will be used in any emergency for Chinese consumption.

The Station is being run by the Hongkong Fisheries Research Station, which has provided six of the present staff.

Location of the Station is opposite Aberdeen Industrial School. It was formerly the School's playground, and occupies a site of about 47,000 square feet. The present buildings are of the matched type, but permanent buildings are expected to be completed by the middle of next month.

Fish is being purchased from the fishfolk through the loans, and about 1,000 piculs so far have been salted and stored away since the Station started on May 27. The busiest day resulted in the storage of 230 piculs, which is considered good for the off-season.

The best season for fishing is the winter, from October until May. During the summer months which are regarded as the typhoon season, the majority of the larger junks remain in harbour.

Fresh-fish, when they arrive at the Station, are gutted, and then washed in three changes of water in kongs (tubs).

After being cleaned, they are put into pans, stuffed and rubbed with salt, and then placed for storage in kongs, where they should keep in perfect condition for at least six months. Alternate layers of fish and salt are packed in these kongs, and if necessary, concentrated brine is added.

Kongs for Storing Fish

At present, there are about 40 kongs of 50 piculs capacity each, and plans are being made for a further 160. There is a special shed for storing salt, which is from Thailand. This salt is considered too coarse, and has to be ground finer before it is fit for use. The mud is taken out and it is purified at the same time. The idea is to make the sodium chloride as pure as possible, thus helping the fish to last and keep longer.

Strupulous care regarding cleanliness is observed, the people at work in the Station having been instructed to wear clean aprons and shorts which are washed daily.

Three kinds of fish, Black Pomfret, Golden Thread, and all Maceralens, are being purchased by Government, and it is pointed out by an official of the Food Controller's Office that one of the reasons why these types of fish have been chosen is because they are the kind that are normally salted by the Chinese.

In normal times, these three kinds of fish were mostly exported to China, and even though the catch has been reduced considerably by the war, and the Japanese sinking of fishing junks, there still remains plenty of fish for Hongkong.

Any person who sells these fish other than to the Government, or to a firm or person authorised to purchase for Government, is liable to prosecution.

Price control committee meetings are held at fortnightly intervals, when the "prices of fish" are officially fixed until the next committee meeting.

Main reason for the reserve of fish is that it will be used in an emergency. It is a food which is acceptable to the Chinese, being one of their normal foods supplying proteins, salts and flavour.

The Station is in the charge of Mr S. Y. Lin, and a staff which includes an accountant, a shroff, one senior fish curing, one junior fish curing, nine regular fish curers, and piece workers when and if necessary.

## DEALINGS IN RICE

## Control by Government Began Yesterday

Government took over control of the wholesale rice trade yesterday, when all wholesale dealings in rice in the Colony became subject to the express permission of the Rice Monopoly.

The objects of the monopoly, as stated at a meeting of the Legislative Council on May 8, when a resolution giving effect to the plan was introduced, are to ensure adequate supply of rice, to control the price of rice and to provide for the turn-over of rice reserves in the Colony.

Under the scheme, Government becomes the sole importer of rice to the Colony and the sole exporter of rice to Shanghai, and such other destinations as may be decided upon. The money for these measures comes from surplus Government funds, the balance to be made up from sums advanced by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Seen by a reporter yesterday, Mr F. C. Barry, Rice Controller, said he was not in position to make a statement until he had cleared everything up, which would probably take him a week.

All rice traders who hold stocks of rice exceeding 20 piculs in quantity are being called upon to report their holdings, with in a period ending at noon on June 18. As from yesterday, retailers now obtain their rice direct from Government.

## Donations To Causes

## BOMBER FUND AUGMENTED

With a splendid donation of \$20,000 from Messrs John Manners & Co., Ltd., the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., reached a total of \$2,213,301.50 yesterday. The latest donations are:

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Mr. & Mrs. H. E. F. (second donation)	100
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Light French Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Gerry Moore (Piano) and Gitta Alpar (Vocal).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.48 Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with James Malton (Vocal).

7.17 Charlie Kunz



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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

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**RUSSIA, THE ENIGMA**

RUSSIA, the enigma of world politics during the past three years again comes startlingly to the forefront of the international political canvas as reports accumulate, firstly of an anticipated split with her strange partner, Germany, then an alleged new economic agreement, and now mobilisation—the latter presumably with the intention of preparing to withstand a military assault by the Nazis. In the background stands Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow, whose hurried return to London, his conversations with Mr. Anthony Eden and the report that he will not return to Russia because he feels that he has "failed in his mission" all tend to heighten the drama which is now going on in eastern Europe. But what all this portends is still guesswork.

One thing stands out clearly: Germany is preparing to attempt another coup. What form it will take can hardly be declared in unequivocal terms at the moment, but there are indications that she is either dissatisfied with the help she is receiving from Russia and intends to secure more either by force or negotiation, or that Hitler, supremely confident of his military might, has decided to rid himself of the shackles which have bound him to his arch enemy Communism. The alternatives are, in fact, complementary, the accomplishment of which appears to be a natural corollary to Hitler's conquest of eastern and southern Europe.

Germany's liaison with Russia was never more than a dramatic display of opportunism, representing a personal, if shallow, triumph for Ribbentrop, and a loss of face on the part of Britain and, then, only France. Russia, however, probably made more out of the bargain than did Germany, as witness first her bloodless gains in Poland and her subsequent control of the Baltic States at comparatively small cost. Hitler is not a man to be content with the lesser part of a bargain, especially if it is obtained at higher cost, and the fact that Russia possesses vital parts of southeastern Europe which Hitler desires—which are, in fact, essential to his war needs—makes his present pact with Stalin nothing more than a scrap of paper. Thus, it is not inconceivable that Germany and Russia will go to war, for Russia cannot afford to concede too much to Germany, and certainly not to give up the Ukraine, her control of the Black Sea, her strategic hold on Poland and her ill-gotten gains in the Baltic.

The situation is fraught with

**GRIN AND BEAR IT** By Lichty



"If the Governor read my letter to the paper the other day, this thing could have been entirely avoided!"

**German People Grow Apathetic**

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

Hitler is worried and puzzled by the present attitude of the German people. That is the consensus of opinion of four neutral observers who have recently left the Reich after a close study of conditions there. They have correlated their reports and placed them at the service of the authorities in London.

Hitherto the leaders of Germany have prepared their people for war by an intensive campaign of hatred against their intended victim and then, when the war begins, keeping up the hatred pressure at an ever increasing rate. Now, however, Hitler's propaganda chiefs are finding that they are not able to sustain their early successes in emotional extravagance.

The attempt to put over "Butcher" Churchill as a baby killer has failed. The suggestion that the English if victori-

ous would enter Germany and lay the country waste is negated by the existing memories of the friendliness and good humour of the British Army of occupation after the last war. Goebbels has had to admit to the Fuehrer that hatred is not what it was in the armoury of Nazi weapons.

The signing of the Lease and Lend Bill by Roosevelt has also had a depressing effect. There is no village in Germany that has not some connection with citizens of German origin in the U.S.A. The Republic of America has always been a vision of industrial power and vast wealth to the German people and the virtual declaration of war by that mighty nation has added materially to the deepening gloom.

The British Air Force, according to the neutral observers, is the next factor which is worrying Goebbels. Oddly enough it is not the inevitable casualties among civilians that worries the German people but the fact that the British pilots go through any barrage to reach their objective. The workers in the factories are showing a sharp fall in productive capacity.

The four observers agree that the people in the Third Reich are not defeatist and show no tendency to turn against the Fuehrer. They have simply reached a subnormal condition which nothing is able to change. One of the observers, a scientist, attributes this to the poor quality of the food over the last six years which is now having its effect.

This is the unanimous opinion of the four men: "The German people as a whole seem to believe neither in victory nor defeat. They are tired and dispirited and would like the war brought to an end. Hitler raves and complains about ingratitude but the fine edge of propaganda has been blunted by too much use. The depression of Germany constitutes one of Hitler's most serious problems."

most of the important towns of Italian East Africa.

**Roads That Have Helped**

Ironically enough, the construction of these roads was to prove one of the vital factors, a mere five years later, contributing to the speed with which Abyssinia's liberation was to be accomplished.

One fact is very striking.

Graziani's Southern Army took from Oct. 5, 1935, to April 30, 1936, to advance from the frontier of Italian Somaliland to

Dagabur. This operation was

later to take our Imperial forces a matter of a few weeks only.

By far the greater part of the 130,000 Italian non-combatants said to be in the country were

there labouring on road building and other public undertakings from which Italy was destined to reap so few advantages.

The building of all these roads and the establishment of telegraph and telephone services represented a colossal investment of capital and labour. But it has never yielded the

Italians any dividend. On the contrary, it weakened their chances of resistance when the British Imperial troops were making their many-pronged advance that culminated in the recapture of Addis Ababa.

**Strategic Liability**

What the extent of this Italian investment was it is impossible to calculate with any exactness. But a few figures may give some indication of its magnitude. The total weight of cargo unloaded at Italy's East African ports in 1938 was 1,053,000 metric tons, or more than treble the total of 313,000 tons exported from Italian East Africa.

A comparison between the value of imports and exports is even more striking. Exports from Italian East Africa for 1938 were valued by the Fascist authorities at 191,000,000 lire; the value of imports, at 2,477,000,000 lire, was more than 12 times as great. Thus, whilst Italy was pouring supplies into the country, exports from it were practically negligible.

And the exploitation of Abyssinia was rendered more difficult by the provisions whereby merchants were allowed to send goods to Italy only if they could obtain foreign exchange by exporting to non-Italian countries.

Events have shown that Mussolini's white elephant was a strategic liability of the first order—and, worse still, the unthankful beast proved to be blessed with a Gargantuan appetite.

It is doubtful whether Italy would have derived any benefit from her new Empire even if the Duke had not committed the folly of making an enemy of a Power in control of the seas. But one thing is certain: Italy's gigantic investment in Abyssinia, in the form of capital, labour and human life, never even began to yield a dividend, and now the chance of it doing so has passed.

**Mussolini's White Elephant**

**What Italy has lost, in Money, Labour and Human Life, from Her Occupation of Abyssinia.**

By PETER MATTHEWS

had fallen out of the world market for platinum, and a complete isolation of Italian foreign company which had kept an agent in Addis Ababa plies except in so far as occasional aeroplane might reach it from Libya, or a merchantman decided that there was no reason for retaining him.

Meanwhile the prospecting for minerals which had been carried out under the Emperor's orders by highly qualified foreign experts had proved exceedingly discouraging.

Undeterred by these disquieting signs, the Italians disclosed, with no little publicity, the departure in 1937 of an imposing mission of Italian and German scientists and prospectors to explore Abyssinia's possibilities. The contrast between the flamboyant announcement of the mission's departure and the modest references later to its return suggested that its findings merely substantiated the conclusions which the Emperor's experts had previously reached.

Against the eventualities of war with Great Britain, stocks of petrol, of mechanised transport and spares and of civil and military supplies of every kind had to be accumulated. For the reception of these stores only one railway, that from Jibuti to Addis Ababa, was available, and the payment of freight rates to the French company which owned the line and of the harbour dues at Jibuti, in French Somaliland, meant an unwelcome strain on Italy's foreign exchange.

A large part of the material imported went by road over the 700 miles from Asmara to Addis Ababa. The lorries had to return empty for fresh loads. The consumption of petrol must have been enormous.

**Natives' Revenge**

If Abyssinia was to be exploited economically, the first necessity was the establishment of order and of a sound and effective administration. Here the Italians were handicapped by a lack of men with experience of colonial government.

In Eritrea, which was colonised before the advent of Fascism, they had achieved some success as colonial administrators. But the teachings of Fascism, with the emphasis laid upon the government of people by force rather than by consent, were the worst possible preparation for the rulers of subject native races.

The difficulties were increased by the Government's policy of copying its Libyan model and settling Italian immigrants on the most fertile land available, from which the natives had been expelled. The dispossessed Abyssinians withdrew to the mountains and forests, and re-venged themselves by frequent raids upon these new Italian villages.

The task of providing the country with a modern road system was taken in hand as soon as the conquest of 1936 began. Early in March, 1936, when that campaign had been in progress for only five months, there were said to be 30,000 Italians engaged on road building in Southern Abyssinia alone. One estimate puts the length of roads so far completed as in excess of 12,500 miles, about one-fifth of which are surfaced with tarmacadam. The road net spread out like a spider's web from the high plateau on which Addis Ababa stands, linking the capital with Asmara, with Jibuti, and with

**Sea Power**

To these two formidable tasks Italian foreign policy in its most extreme form added a third. War against a Power which controlled

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## WARNING TO SHIPPERS

## Statutory List

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare gives notice that any vessel carrying on transhipment of enemy goods arriving at South American ports from Europe will be liable to be placed on the Ships' Statutory List.

The Ministry states that the significance of ships being placed on the "statutory list" is that they are suspect as far as Britain is concerned. They are refused all facilities and applications for pavements are automatically declined.

It is understood that the United States Government is largely co-operating with Britain in enforcing the operation of the Ships' Statutory List so far as it means the denial of facilities.

## NOVEL SCHEME TRIED

## Friends For Wounded

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—A drive for 1,000,000 American friends for China's wounded soldiers will be launched in the United States by Mr. William Hau, pioneer, founder and moving spirit of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China, who plans to leave for America some time in July.

In his forthcoming drive Mr Hau has the support of the Church Committee for the Promotion of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China and the Church Committee for China Relief in New York. The former will pay his travelling and other expenses and the latter will give him all the facilities he needs during his stay in the United States which will last three or four months.

One million American friends paying US\$1 each will mean US\$1,000,000 for the relief of China's wounded.

## Hindus Being Left Behind

## Leader Makes Appeal

CALCUTTA, June 16 (Reuter).—An appeal to Hindu youths to join the military services, which are now open to them by the exigencies of war, was made by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, at a meeting of Hindus to-day.

He said that it was their duty at this stage to militarise the whole nation. Britain had thrown open the army, navy and Air force to India and it was to India's interest to take full advantage of these opportunities, after which they should try to secure more power.

He added that the present Congress movement was anti-British; hence Britain preferred Muslims, Gurkhas and Sikhs to communities who were pro-Congress. Therefore, the Army was manned by Muslims from top to bottom.

Mr. Savarkar criticised Gandhi's cult of non-violence and called it "absolutely sinful."

## Indo-Burmese Problems

## Trade and Immigration

CALCUTTA, June 16 (Reuter).—Indo-Burmese trade problems having been solved by negotiation and the recent Indo-Burma trade pact having been signed, the stage is set for a solution of the problem of Indian immigration.

The arrival of a delegation headed by Mr. Bajaj, the Viceroy's Councillor, to this end has aroused the keenest interest.

The Riot Enquiry Committee of 1938 traced the disturbance partly to the apprehensions of Burmans at the presence of a large number of Indians in Burma."

The Baxter Commission embarked on a wide fact-finding enquiry whose report has been before both governments for some time though not published.

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—"We are prepared to defend our fatherland" was the slogan of monster Youth Organisation demonstrations in Moscow and many other places in Moscow to-day, according to the Swiss radio.



ST PAUL'S BOMBED—Cable picture from London shows damage to famed St Paul's Cathedral caused by a German high explosive bomb in the city's worst air raid. The bomb went through the roof, piercing the saucer dome of the great structure and smashing into the north transept. St Paul's is now closed.

## Millstones To Empire From Isle-Of-Dogs

On the oddly named Isle-of-Dogs, almost hidden in a forest of masts and smokestacks and tall warehouses, stands a busy factory that houses a forgotten industry despite the aerial

In this factory skilled craftsmen manufacture millstones. One of the workers has been employed by this firm for more than half a century.

Fifty years ago there were a number of firms throughout the country manufacturing millstones. Many persons to-day have been reared, as were their forefathers, upon "whole meal bread" made from flour ground by millstones. The one remaining British firm still making natural millstones is this factory on the Isle-of-Dogs, Millwall. The concern has been making millstones for nearly 140 years.

## Factory Not Hit

Although in a much bombed area the factory has not been hit and the firm has been busier than before the war.

Export trade has increased considerably since the collapse of France because that country was a competitor. The millstones find their way to India, the Sudan, Palestine, Canada, and other colonies.

The stones are also in greater demand as in some cases old wind and watermills which have been out of service for years are being brought back into use.

Millstones are used for grinding many things in addition to corn and grit for cattle food, including colours for camouflage paint, chocolate beans, lime for fertilisers, plaster and cement, different kinds of ores, manganese and all kinds of chemicals.

## ESPIONAGE IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—Espionage and subversive activities are engaging more people in the United States than in the last war, according to a report by the State Department to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This was revealed when the Committee was considering approval of legislation empowering the President to govern the entry and exit of aliens into the United States.

## Stimulating Manchurian Steel &amp; Coal

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 16 (Domei).—The Manchurian Affairs Board to-day approved the proposed increase of the Manchuria Heavy Industry Development Company's capital from Yen 450,000,000 to Yen 670,000,000 in order to fulfil the Company's part in the plan for increasing the production of steel and coal in Manchukuo for the current year.

The present increase totalling Yen 220,000,000 will double the civilian holdings in the Company's stocks. The additional stocks will bear 6 per cent interest annually without entailing taxes. Civilian shareholders will be asked to double their holdings in subscribing for the increased shares.

## STUDENTS FOR BRITAIN

## —Warning

It was officially announced yesterday that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding students who may wish to proceed to the United Kingdom for the purpose of acquiring professional or other higher educational qualifications.

It is not desired to impose any rigid ban which would have the effect of holding up the training of students whose work will be valuable to the community in the post-war period; it is realised that the war risks involved, including the possibility of interruption of studies when in the United Kingdom, may in certain circumstances be worth taking in the interests of the Empire as a whole.

But it is considered that in general, students should only go to the United Kingdom provided:

(a) That they have carried their training as far as possible locally;

(b) That the possibility of their undertaking similar training in other steaming areas than the United Kingdom has been fully considered;

(c) That the course which they desire to take will last for at least two years after their arrival in the United Kingdom and that no question of their wishing to return to Hongkong before that time is likely to arise;

(d) That they are financially equipped for the period of their stay in the United Kingdom. A minimum sum of at least £200 per annum, including fees, should be available.

Any student who satisfies the above conditions and desires to pursue his studies in the United Kingdom should in the first instance communicate with the Director of Education in order that the circumstances of his case may be considered by the Secretary of State before any arrangements for his voyage are made.

## Woman Assessor Appointment To Hongkong Announced

London, May 24. There is a great deal of interest here in the appointment of Mrs Dorothy Mathias, a Hove Accountant, to go to Hongkong as a War Tax Assessor.

There are of course many women Chartered Accountants here, but it is I gather it's first time a woman in this profession has been sent from the Colonial Service abroad.

I am told that she is to sail very shortly.—Our Own Correspondent.

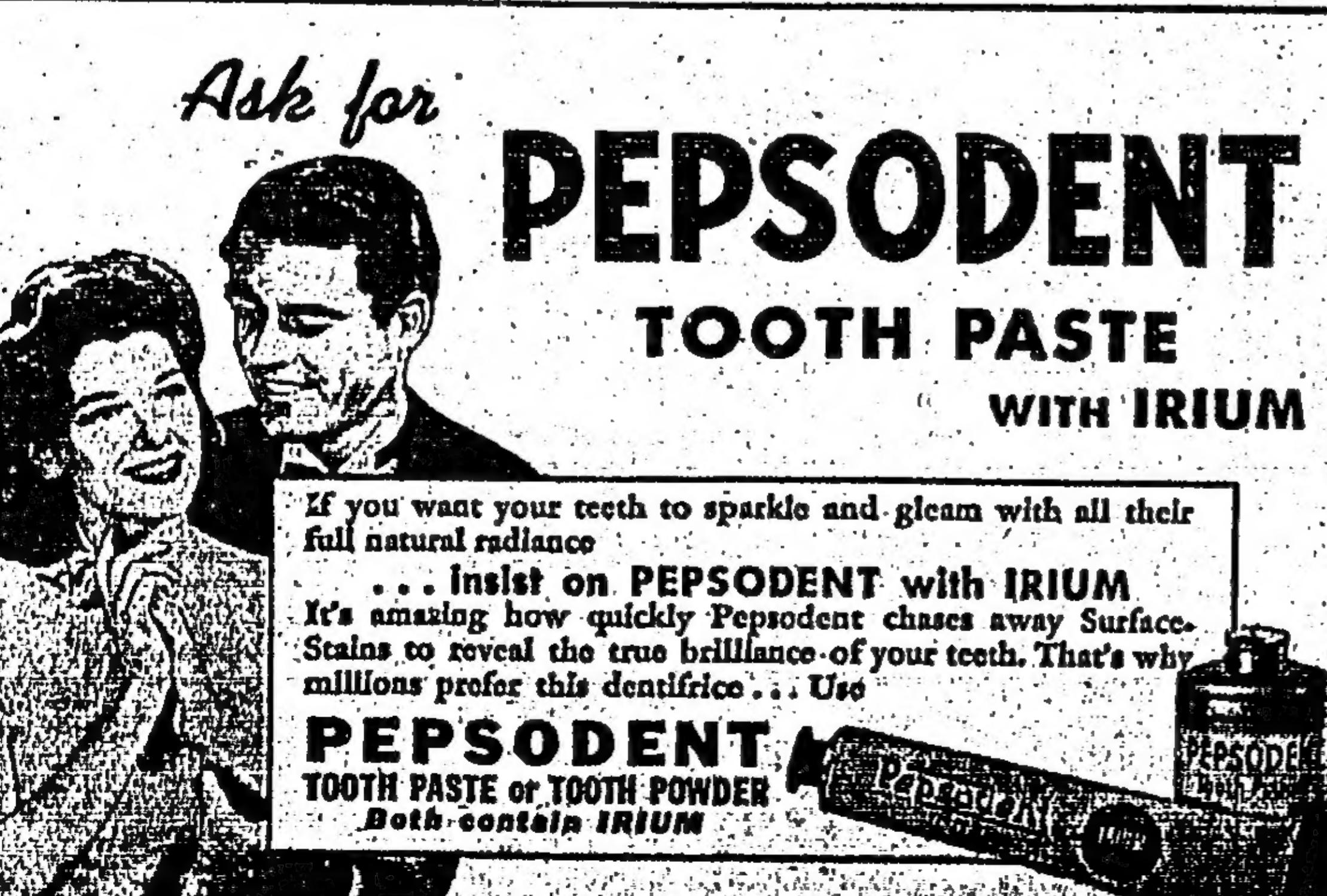
The course of St. John Ambulance Brigade Home Nursing lectures previously advertised to be given by Dr. Ruttledge will commence in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd. by courtesy of the management, to-morrow, June 16 at 5.30 p.m.

Vichy Attack On Norwegian Tanker

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—A Norwegian tanker was shelled by a Vichy shore battery off Iles de Los (off the coast of French Guinea, West Africa) on June 12 and was also machine-gunned by a Vichy aircraft, it is learned here.

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## LETTERS

## Hongkong Telegraph Diamond Jubilee

## The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—I am willing to congratulate you and all the others concerned therein upon the production of what was, in effect, the Jubilee Number in connection with the above.

I found the epitome of the journalistic life of the "Telegraph" most interesting, as I feel sure, must have been the case with others of its readers, and I have cut it out and pasted it with a view to placing it among my other Hongkong records.

I can very clearly recall Mr John Joseph Francis, Q.C., the proprietor of the newspaper in 1900, when I arrived in the Colony.

Mr Francis, like Mr Fraser Smith, was a very strong character, and very proud of his position as Unofficial Leader of the Bar, so much so indeed that when he attended at the old Supreme Court in January 1901 when the then Chief Justice His Honour Sir John Carrington recorded the sympathy of the Bench and Bar in relation to the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Mr Francis, following the speech of the Attorney General (Hon. Sir William Melch Goodman, K.C.—afterwards His Honour Sir William Goodman, Chief Justice) prefaced the remarks which he made with the words "As the actual, if not the official, Leader of the Bar."

Mr Francis died in or about Sept. 1901 while on a holiday in Japan, having been a resident in Hongkong from approximately 1859.

I instructed him in the last case wherein he appeared at the Supreme Court, namely: Luk Lal Cho v. Kinghorn & Macdonald, an action which was brought to recover damages for breach of warranty of authority in respect of the sale of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 39, wherein Mr Francis (along with the late Mr. E. H. Sharples, then a Junior Barrister, but afterwards a K.C. and Leader of the Bar) appeared on behalf of the Defendants, who had written a letter to the Plaintiff in which they had said:

"We are now in a position to accept your offer definitely for the purchase of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 39 at the price of \$325,000 net and we will not enter into further negotiations with any one."

"P.S. Terms of payment to be ten per cent cash and the balance in six months."

At the trial in which Mr Francis appeared—Mr (as he then was—afterwards Sir Henry) Pollock, K.C. representing the Plaintiff—judgment was entered for the Plaintiff, but later on the Defendants appealed and a new trial was ordered. The latter took place before His Honour Mr Justice Wise (Acting Chief Justice) in December 1901, with the result that the Defendants were successful, as also in the Appeal by the Plaintiff which followed in the following month.

Mr Sharples' handling of the Defendants' case at the second trial was magnificent—an opinion which was heartily confirmed by Mr Caesar Hawkins (the then Sub-Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong—who was foreman of the Jury at the second trial) in the course of conversation in the bar of the Hongkong Club—which I frequented in those days—shortly after the trial had taken place.

Old memories!

J. SCOTT HARSTON.

## JAPANESE FAIL TO REACH CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—Japanese aircraft to-day again attempted to raid Chungking but failed to reach the city.

Twenty-seven Japanese machines heading towards Chungking were intercepted at Liangshan, eastern Szechuan, where they dropped bombs and flew back to the base in western Hupeh.

Alr raid alarm was sounded in Chungking but the "all clear signal" was given shortly afterwards.

## American Property

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—Considerable property damage was sustained by Americans in Chungking during the Japanese air raid on the city yesterday.

Besides the destruction of the American Military Attaché's office and the damage to the American gunboat Tuttilla, it has been found that the office of the American Ambassador and the office of the Standard Oil Company of New York were also damaged.

It is understood that American naval supplies were stored in the Standard Oil Company's Office.

## NEW ZEALAND CONSCRIPTION

WELLINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—A Bill was enacted to-day for the immediate enrolment for military service of all married men between the ages of 18 and 45.

Only men of between 21 and 40 will be liable for military service overseas.

## Canberra Cabinet Meets Suddenly

CANBERRA, June 16 (Reuter).—The Federal Cabinet met unexpectedly to-day.

It was to have met to-morrow when Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, was to take a nation-wide broadcast.

## Nazis Consider How To Counter U. S. Measure

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—The immediate freezing of all German and Italian assets and those of the occupied European countries by President Roosevelt is described in the "Wilhelmsstrasse" as "entirely unjustified," says the official German news agency.

It adds that the question of counter-measures is being examined.



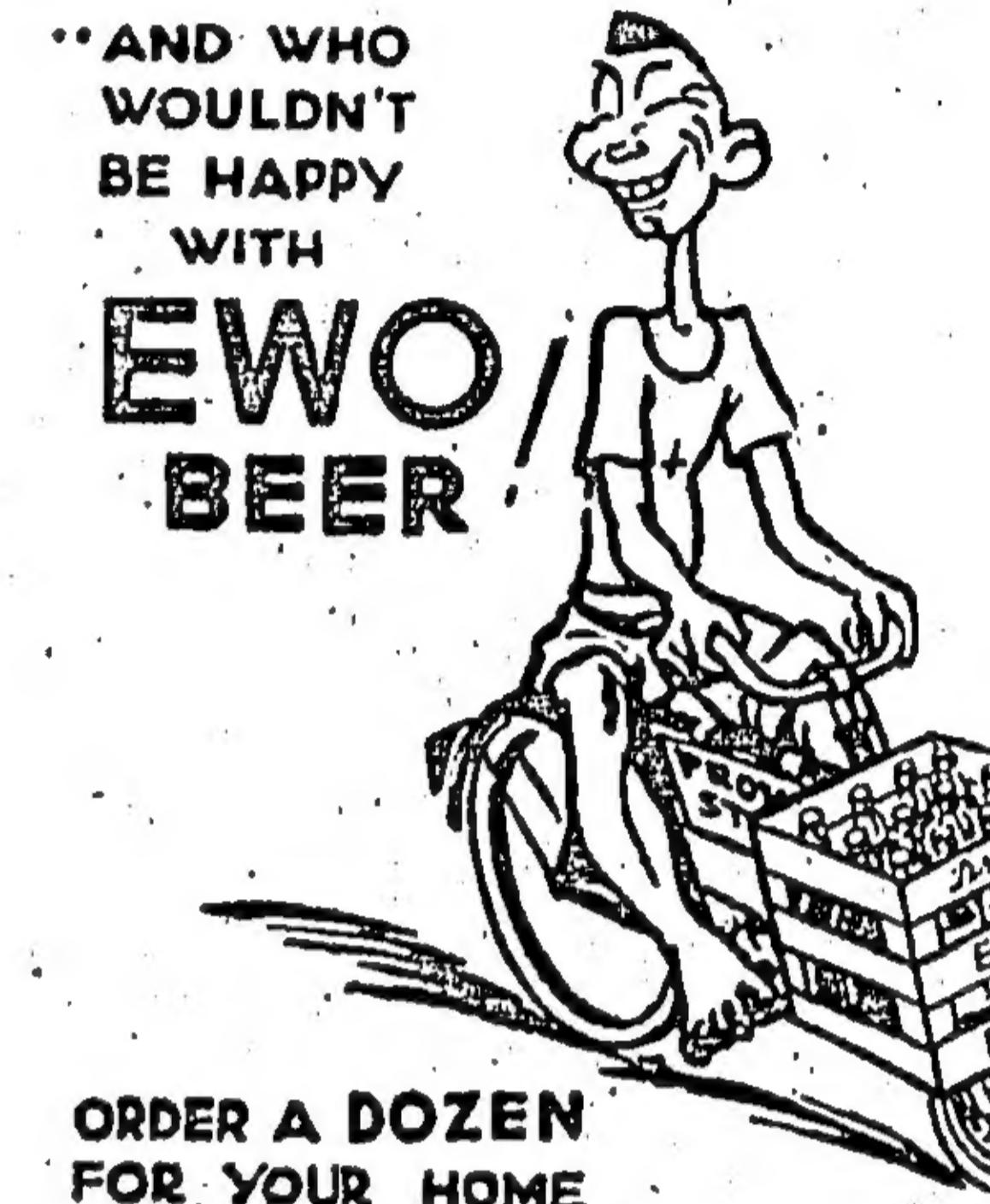
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## New Order In Asia Is Old Topic In Tokyo

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, June 16 (Domei).—The first day of the five-day session of the Central Co-operation Council of the National Service Association was devoted to "the pronouncing of the people's voices" concerning vital problems facing the nation by provincial representatives.

Referring to the establishment of a Greater East Asia Co-prosperity sphere, Mr. Shinzo Imai declared that this is the fixed policy of the Imperial Japanese Government and should embrace all peoples and resources throughout East Asia. Wondering how much has been achieved in this direction during the past ten months since the conclusion of the Three Power Pact which expressly recognises Japan's leadership in East Asia, Mr. Imai said that he could not help feeling uneasiness over the prospect of the proposed prosperity sphere in view of the recent negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies.

Establishment of the prosperity sphere could hardly be expected to be attained by such Lukewarm, peaceful measures as shown in the past," the conference declared.

Urging the need of uniting public opinion in the interest of the prosperity sphere construction, Mr. Imai lamented that there were still persons who could not yet wean themselves from depending upon Anglo-American influences. It was the duty of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association to guide the unity of public opinion in conformity with the



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READY TO FIGHT—President Roosevelt dedicating Woodrow Wilson's birthplace at Staunton, Va., as shrine. Seated at left are Cordell Hull, Lady and Lord Halifax, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Wilson. President said U. S. was "ever ready to fight again" for democracy.

## The Origin Of O.K.

NEW YORK, June 15 (UP).—The acquiescent expression "O.K.", uttered a billion times daily, is an etymological orphan. No one has ever satisfactorily explained what the two letters stand for or how the expression arose, according to Woodford Heflin, associate editor of the Dictionary of American English.

"This supposition," he said, "has no evidence to support it other than the similarity of sounds."

Some philologists have traced the expression as far back as 1700, when slave sales were entered in court records with the notation "O.K."—believed to be a corruption of the abbreviation "O.R." for "Order Recorded."

Heflin believes the first genuine historical example of the expression is date 1815, an entry in "A travel diary of William Richardson," reading "Arrived at Princeton, a handsome little village, O.K., and at Trenton where we dined at 1 p.m."

## Simple Skin Test For Pregnancy Discovered

Development of a simple one-hour test for pregnancy, probably the most remarkable discovery of its kind ever made, was announced recently by the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The new method is a skin test, very much like those used for allergy such as hay fever. Besides indicating pregnancy in 30 minutes to an hour, it is easy to give, and inexpensive.

The University's doctors have quietly made several hundred trials of the new test during the past year. They reported it is 98 percent reliable and detects pregnancy as early as two weeks.

The method in general use for the past decade, the Aschheim-Zondek test in which white mice or rabbits are used, has the same percentage of reliability but requires more time, seldom detects earlier than four weeks, and costs considerably more.

The new test was developed by Dr. Frederick H. Fails, head of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, who studied the pro-

blem since 1914; Dr. V. C. Freda of that department and Dr. H. H. Cohen of the Physiological Chemistry Department. Dr. William H. Welker, head of the Physiological Chemistry Department, was consultant.

### Colostrum Injection

The test consists of injecting into the forearm, with a fine hypodermic needle, a minute amount of colostrum, a watery liquid secreted in the breasts during pregnancy.

No reaction occurs if the woman is pregnant, but if she is not the point of injection begins to look as if she had a mosquito bite. A reddish area one to two inches in diameter appears. This bump raises within an hour and disappears in four or five hours.

## FIRE DESTROYS FAMOUS CLUB Officer Trapped

Directors of Bath Club, Dover-street, W., arrived there recently for their monthly board meeting—to find the premises a blackened shell.

The club—where the King and his brothers had swimming lessons, and where Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret won swimming prizes in 1939—was wrecked by fire in the early hours of the morning.

Pilot Off. (Actg. Flg. Off.) W. G. Airey, one of the guests, lost his life, and three firemen, injured fighting the blaze, were taken to hospital.

Pilot Off. Airey was sleeping in his room on the third floor and could not be roused by the staff, who were cut off from him by the flames.

Other club members, including Maj.-Gen. Sir Andrew McCulloch, escaped in their night clothes or hastily donned attire, while one member of the staff scrambled down a drain-pipe from a first-floor room and jumped into the arms of a taxi driver.

Maids and women members of the kitchen staff, on the top floor, were awakened by the crackling of flames. They grabbed their clothes and rushed to safety down the staircases.

### Author's Escape

Mr. Guy Mnlwaring Morton, "Peter Trail," the author and playwright, was rescued from a fourth-floor bedroom by a fireman, who brought him down an escape to the street.

Magnificent Adam Bellings, part of the original building which the club was founded in 1894, were destroyed. Valuable books, pictures and furnishings, including a collection of Pelegrin cartoons in the cardroom were also lost.

At a meeting of directors at which Lord Westborough, the president of the club presided, it was decided to accept an offer by the Lansdowne Club to provide temporary accommodation to members of the Bath Club. Meanwhile, the staff, numbering about 100, are temporarily without employment.

### Trade Fair

The Government, with employment preventing wholesale union,

plans for the development of

British industry may have to be de-

veloped on different lines owing to

the increased industrialisation of the

Dominions resulting from their war effort.

To meet this problem, one of the

first steps after the war will be the

conclusion of fresh trade pacts with

the Empire, which will be followed

by trade agreements with the

Full effect of the sharp increases in quicksilver production, officials said, will not be felt until the cessation of hostilities. It is believed that the blow will fall sharply on the Italo-Spanish interests, which accounted for four-fifths of the world output during the period immediately preceding the outbreak of the present war.

Officials pointed out that European war machines are now consuming an abnormal amount of mercury. Changes in the sources and amount of the world supply will undoubtedly take place when demand returns to alignment with normal industrial needs; but most officials believe that the old world monopoly has finally been smashed.

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## Roosevelt Closes German Consulates

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some surprise when informed by the "United Press" regarding Washington's request to close the Consulates, but they firmly declined to comment, saying that "competent German officials will undoubtedly consider the matter immediately." It is doubtful if any statement will be made prior to to-morrow morning.

## Big Things Brewing

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—A source here which is usually well-informed expressed the belief to-day that big things are likely to happen soon, probably this week. They believe that the expulsion of German Consuls and agents is not a single unrelated act but the first of a succession of steps.

In support of this view they point out that despite his complete recovery from a small ailment, President Roosevelt has cancelled almost all his appointments this week, presumably to give time to matters of high importance.

## Diplomatic Break?

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—First reactions here to Mr. Summer Welles' announcement about the closing of German consulates and other organisations is that it is a big step towards breaking off diplomatic relations.

It is being wondered whether Germany will reply by withdrawing her diplomats and asking for the departure of all American officials from Germany.

Past experience has shown, however, that in replying to American actions, for example the institution of the Atlantic patrol, the Germans will accept such blows to her prestige without retaliation.

Even so, the United States order will be a hard blow to the German cause here.

## Bombshell Announcement

Mr. Welles' announcement fell like a bombshell on the Press conference at which the German official news agencies representatives were present. It was followed by a stampede of journalists through the corridors of the State Department in search of telephones.

It is common knowledge that the German Library of Information in New York has been one of the chief centres of German propaganda. The administration also probably knows that the general public suspect that German consulates in the United States are less for strictly consular business than for organising and paying Germans and Americans of German descent who remain closer to their fatherland than to their adopted country.

## Organisation Crippled

German organisation on the American continent will be severely affected and it is not expected that the diplomatic staff left behind can hope to carry on the work of the great network of agencies which Germany has in all States in the Union.

Washington observers will not be surprised if Latin-American countries took a similar step to that taken by the United States to-day.

## Philippines Included

WASHINGTON, June 16 (UP).—State Department sources have confirmed that Manila is included in the requests for closure and expulsion of German consulates and agencies. It is understood that Mr. Francis Sayre, the High Commissioner, has desired such a move for a long time.

## MR. ROOSEVELT CANCELS TRIP

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has been persuaded by his doctor to cancel his proposed Massachusetts trip to-morrow, which included a visit to Harvard University to receive a degree.

To-day he returned to full working schedule, his secretary reported. The President would have met Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard at Philadelphia to take them for an overnight visit to his Hyde Park residence, but now they will stay overnight at Washington.

## OIL SUPPLIES STOPPED

WASHINGTON, June 16 (UP).—The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harold Ickes, to-day ordered shipment of 252,000 gallons of lubricating oil to Japan aboard the steamer Azuma Maru from Philadelphia, to be stopped.

## French Prisoners Of War Free

BERLIN, June 16 (Reuter).—The first batch of released prisoners of war have arrived at Lyons, says a Vichy despatch to the Official German news agency.

The prisoners were welcomed on behalf of Marshal Petain by the Military Commander of Lyons, General Frer.

## King Peter With Sir M. Lampson

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—King Peter of Yugoslavia, it can now be disclosed, recently visited Egypt where he was the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson and Lady Lampson at the British Embassy.

He was accompanied by a small suite.

## Refugee Relief Fund Acknowledged

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—The Ministry of Finance has acknowledged the receipt of \$5,000,20 (Chinese currency) remitted through the Hongkong branch of the Bank of China by about 200 overseas Chinese who recently returned to China from North and South America aboard the President Coolidge. The fund collected aboard the ship was designated for refugee relief.

## Channel Mail Ship Sunk

## Mr Churchill's Stirring Call

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LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—An Anglo-Irish cross-Channel mail steamer has been dive-bombed and sunk by the Germans near Fishguard and at least 23 persons have lost their lives.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS FOR CURRENT WEEK

Orders by G. Fager, Deputy Commissioner of Police, of the Indian Company.

Appointments—Acting Lance Sergeant (R) (1) Lau Yun-ting has been appointed to the rank of Acting Lance Sergeant (R) (1) from June 7, 1941.

The undermentioned Constables have been appointed to the ranks of Acting Lance Sergeant (R) (1) from June 7, 1941.

Lee Ting-shun, (R) (1) Leung Fook-wing, (R) (1) Ip Yuen-yan, (R) (1) Stanley Lau and (R) (1) Tang Shiu-woon.

Inspection Parade—All ranks of "B" Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground for inspection in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 10 at 17.15 hours sharp, Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Strength—Constable (R) (200) Marchant Singh has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from June 9, 1941.

Return from Leave—Sub Inspector (R) (1) Mehdil Khan has returned from leave and resumes duty as from date.

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"It was but a few years ago since one united gesture by the peoples of the great and small, who are now broken in dust, would have warded off from mankind the fearful ordeal it has had to undergo. But there was no unity or vision. One by one the nations let themselves be caught and held by brutal violence or poisoned from within, by subtle intrigue.

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New Successes For Royal Air Force

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addition to the two reported yesterday and two Messerschmitt 110's shot down in addition to that reported destroyed at Sofala.

In Syria

In Syria, R.A.F. bombers carried out raids on the aerodrome at Aleppo and dropped bombs among the dispersed aircraft and on the runways starting a number of fires.

Hostile fighters which attempted to intercept were attacked and damaged.

Fighters operating over the British troops in the Kiswe area drove off a formation of Vichy de Voultine fighters and destroyed two of them.

Fighters of the Royal Australian Air Force which were machine gunning armoured vehicles in the same area, shot down two hostile bombers.

Protective Patrols

Protective patrols were carried out by R.A.F. fighters over British naval units off the Syrian coast. Two formations of hostile aircraft were intercepted and a number were severely damaged.

From all these operations six British aircraft are missing.

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### Libyan Offensive

## British Occupation Of Capuzzo Reported

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—The occupation of Capuzzo by the Allies, though still not confirmed, is reported after strenuous fighting in which a large number of armoured fighting vehicles were engaged.

The conflict continues on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in the triangle of Sollum, Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops have attacked Hellfire Pass (Halfaya) and south of the escarpment. Fighting continues also on top of the escarpment, west of Halfaya.

It is emphasised that the offensive mentioned in to-day's communiqué does not mean a large-scale offensive; the present battle is just a continuation of the ding-dong struggle progressing ever since the retreat from Benghaz.

### Little Opposition

There was little opposition to the Allied move south of the escarpment; real fighting began when the troops entered the comparatively limited area of the desert round Halfaya which is the main scene of the present operations.

The main point is that while the recent fighting was east of Halfaya, the present is to the west, but it is early yet to say what developments will follow the thrust.

### Operation Continuing

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—A British G.I.Q. communiqué announces: "Yesterday our troops in the Western Desert took offensive action against the enemy holding positions in the area south and southeast of Sollum. The operation is continuing."

**Fighting Vehicles Involved**  
CAIRO, June 16 (Reuter).—Considerable numbers of Army fighting vehicles are involved in the Western Desert fighting at Sollum, Dismar and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops are participating in the offensive.

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## TOKYO TALKS

### Government and High Command

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 16 (Domei).—An extraordinary conference between the High Command and the Government was held at the Premier's official residence this afternoon to discuss outstanding problems at home and abroad.

Government officials present were the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsukata, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Director of the Military Affairs Bureau, Major-General Akira Muto, and the Director of the Naval Affairs Bureau, Rear-Admiral Takazumi Oka.

Representing the High Command were General Gen Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Admiral Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff.

After the adjournment of the conference, the War Minister, Lieut-General Tojo, remained at the Premier's official residence and conferred separately with Major-General Akira Muto and Rear-Admiral Takazumi Oka. The substance of the discussions was not revealed.

## Secret Nazi-Japanese Agreement Revealed

### Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 16 (UP).—According to highly reliable non-British diplomatic sources it is revealed that there is a secret German-Japanese economic agreement whereby Tokyo will undertake to deliver a large volume of tropical products, notably rubber, tin and vegetable oils to Germany while Berlin will supply armaments for Japan.

Whether Japan will attack the Netherlands East Indies in order to obtain enough produce to satisfy Hitler as well as Japan, apparently depends upon whether or not Japan requires

## ROOSEVELT ORDERS GERMAN CONSULATES TO BE CLOSED

### Dramatic Move Follows Freezing Of Credits

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, JUNE 16 (UP).—THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO-DAY ORDERED THE CLOSING OF ALL GERMAN CONSULATES NOT LATER THAN JULY 10. IT IS ALSO ORDERED THAT THE TRANSCOAN NEWS AGENCY, THE GERMAN TOURIST AGENCY AND THE GERMAN LIBRARY OF INFORMATION, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN NEW YORK, BE CLOSED.

In addition, President Roosevelt ordered the expulsion of their German employees on charges of improper activities "inimical to the welfare of the United States."

The order does not break diplomatic relations because the German Embassy is not affected; however, it may prove to be a development leading to a diplomatic rupture between Germany and the United States.

Twenty four offices are affected, including those in the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and outlying possessions.

The Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau (the official news agency) which is represented in Washington is evidently not affected by the order.

### Second Diplomatic Blow

The closure and expulsion demand was the second diplomatic blow to date. Coincident with to-day's order, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John W. Peale, revealed that funds of the German American Bund and other Fascist organizations in the United States are subject to the freezing order.

The Treasury Department issued general licenses for the use of some Swiss and Vatican City funds which are affected by the freezing order. No licenses were issued for Russian funds pending assurances from Moscow that such licenses would not be used to evade the purposes of the freezing order.

There was no explanation given as to why to-day's order was directed only against the Germans and not against the Italians. Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under Secretary of State, declined to comment regarding any investigations of the Consulates, or whether there was evidence linking the agencies with sabotage.

The new action represented an almost complete break in German-American relations. Mr. Welles asserted that it did not present any plan which contemplated the asking of withdrawal of representatives of other countries. It was made clear that diplomatic representatives of the German Embassy were not involved in the official note requesting the withdrawal of the agencies which was handed to Wilhelm Tammberg, First Secretary of the German Embassy by Mr. Welles, who announced his action at to-day's press conference.

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4. The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5. All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been taken in any other Colony are ineligible.

6. No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7. All entries must be either black, sepia or foned pictures and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.

8. Pictures submitted in sepia tones must be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9. No picture entered in more than one Section.

10. All entries to be entirely white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x13, 15x20.

11. No correspondence will be entered in connection with the Competition.

12. Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the Telegram Office are not permitted to compete.

13. The decision of the Judges shall be final.

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This advertisement will suffice to serve notice that all subsequent voyages of the above-named steamers are cancelled on termination of their current voyages. All passages and cargo booked for such subsequent voyages are hereby cancelled. All passengers and shippers are invited to apply at this office for further information relative to space.

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The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Notice is hereby given that, due to present unsettled conditions, effective July 15, 1941, delivery of inward cargo will only be made against surrender of original signed Bills of Lading, duly endorsed. So-called "Letters of Guarantee" will no longer be accepted.

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## DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:

South China Morning Post

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## BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND

Old clothes of all descriptions are badly needed for Men, Women and Children in the Bombed Areas in Britain. Such gifts will be received by the

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T.T. Manila 484  
T.T. Batavia 454  
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## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

## BANKS

H.K. Banks 1,315 n.  
H.K. Banks I. 704 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) 2 704 n.  
Chartered L. 87 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. 237 n.  
Mercantile C. 117 n.  
East Asia 714 b.

## INSURANCES

Cantons S.xd. 208 n.  
Union S. x.d. 400 n.  
China Underwriters S. 1 n.  
H. K. Fire 176 b.

## SHIPPING

Douglas \$ 128 n.  
Steamboats \$ 8 n.  
Indo-China P. 80 b  
Indo-China D. 60 n.  
Shell (Bearers) 427 n.  
Waterboats \$ 655 n.

## DOCKS ETC.

Wharves S. 87 n.  
Docks S. 15 b.  
Provident S. 515 n.  
Shai Dockyards 254 n.

## MINING

Kallan s/- 117 n.  
Ruba S. 8 n.  
H.K. Mines 1/4 cts. n.

## LANDS

Hotels S. 3 n.  
Lands S. 215 n.  
Lands 4% Debentures 072 n.  
Shai Lands Sh. S. 15.00 n.  
Humphreys S. 640 n.  
H.K. Realties S. 3 n.  
Chinese Estates S. 08 b.

## UTILITIES

Trams S. 10.10 s.  
Peak Trams (old) S. 7 n.  
Peak Trams (new) S. 34 n.  
Star Ferries S. 514 n.  
Y. Ferries S. 21.35 n.  
China Lights (old) S. 0 n.  
China Lights (new) S. 114 n.  
H.K. Electric (old) x r/s 21.00 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) S. 21 n.  
H.K. Electric Rts S. 11 n.  
Macau Electric S. 10.65 s.  
Sundaland Lights S. x.d. 1170 b.  
Telephones (old) S. 22 b.  
Telephones (new) S. 834 b.

## INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macq. (Ord.) Sh. S. 30 n.  
Cald: Macq. (Pref.) Sh. S. 25 n.  
Canton Ices S. 1 n.  
Canton S. 134 n.  
H.K. Ropes 7 b.

## STORES, &amp;c.

Dairy Farms S. 17 b.  
Watsons S. 0.70 b.  
Lane Crawford S. x.d. 204 n.  
Sincere S. 2.15 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) S. 39 n.  
Powell Lds. S. 1/2 n.

## COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. S. 204 n.  
Shai Cotton Sh. S. 265 n.

## MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4% 074 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) 094 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) 084 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1928 GSBds. 26 n.  
Entertainments S. 094 b  
Constructions (old) S. 1.60 n.  
Constructions (new) S. 1.60 n.  
Vibro Piling S. 7.20 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) 9 s/-, 6/3 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) 2 1/2 n.

## DEALINGS IN RICE

Control by Government Began Yesterday

Government took over control of the wholesale rice trade yesterday, when all wholesale dealings in rice in the Colony became subject to the express permission of the Rice Monopoly.

The objects of the monopoly, as stated at a meeting of the Legislative Council on May 8, when a resolution giving effect to the plan was introduced, are to ensure adequate supply of rice, to control the price of rice and to provide for the turn-over of rice reserves in the Colony.

Under the scheme, Government becomes the sole importer of rice to the Colony and the sole exporter of rice to Shanghai and such other destinations as may be decided upon. The money for these measures comes from surplus Government funds, the balance to be made up from sums advanced by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Seen by a reporter yesterday, Mr. F. C. Barry, Rice Controller, said he was not in a position to make a statement until he had cleared everything up, which would probably take him a week.

All rice traders who hold stocks of rice exceeding 20 piculs in quantity are being called upon to report their holdings with in 10 days from yesterday, retailers may obtain their rice direct from Government.

The Director of Medical Services gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a gift of 6,000 cigarettes from the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. Ltd. for the Chinese interned soldiers at Argyll Street Internment Camp.

## WANG IN JAPAN

## Nanking Govt Build Up

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOBE, June 16 (Domei).—President Wang Ching-wei of the Non-Communist Government of China and his party, now on an official visit to Japan, spent the day at the Hotel. They motored through vast throngs of people lining the highway to Kobe Station and boarded the special train placed at their disposal to-night for Tokyo where they are expected to arrive on Tuesday morning.

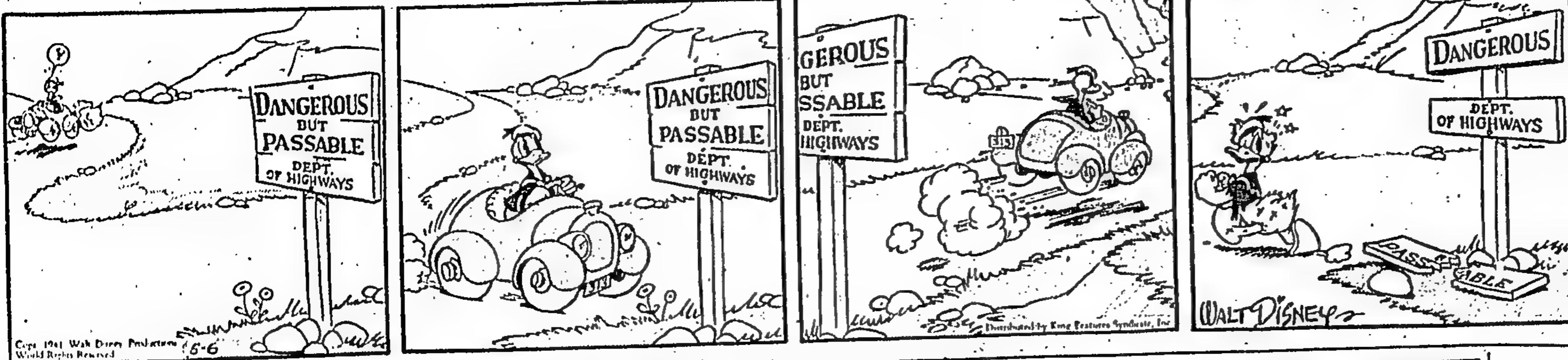
On the special train were eleven members of Mr. Wang's suite including Mr. Lin Pe-sheng, Minister of Publicity, Mr. Chou Fo-hai, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Chu Min-yl, Chinese Ambassador, as well as 18 members of the Japanese reception committee.

Greeting Mr. Wang at Tokyo Station will be the Premier, Prince Konoye, and all Cabinet Ministers as well as other high civil and military officials. Following a brief exchange of greetings at Tokyo Station, Mr. Wang and his suite will proceed to the Chinese Embassy in Azabu Ward where the Emperor will dispatch an Imperial escort committee in the afternoon in order to escort the distinguished guest as an Imperial guest to the Kasumigaseki Palace.

The following is list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Fund.

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## Too Light a Response

IN the past, many players have "held the bidding open" for their partners on entirely too liberal a basis. Their theory has been, I suppose, that to pass out an opening one-bid would reveal their object weakness and permit the opponents to reach a good contract—possibly a game contract—in comparative safety.

No one can deny that there is some logic in this theory, but there is another side to the picture which the crucial play had arrived. East is even more important. There is no sense incurring a large penalty for the sole purpose of discouraging the opponents from what they might do, one notrump (which had been a delayed double) with nothing outside finite values are required to hold the spade suit. He might hold the open, i.e., to make any response to diamond king, but he could not have partner's opening one-bid. When taken as much value to that card, the responder holds as little as one underneath North's diamond bid, as honour-trick, he needs a five-card to the club king, over South's club suit in order to make a response at bid. Thus it was almost a sure thing the one level. He can raise if he that West had something in clubs, has four of partner's trumps, or he Acting on that sound analysis, can bid one notrump if he has two East now laid down the ace of clubs suit stopped, but, lacking these and when his partner played the values, he must pass. There is no rhyme or reason to the sort of response that North made in the following deal:

South dealer.  
 Match-point duplicate.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

To-morrow's Hand  
 Match-point duplicate.  
 Both sides vulnerable.  
 North dealer.

**The bidding:**  
 South West North East  
 1 Pass 10 Pass  
 1 N T Pass Pass Dbl.  
 Pass Pass

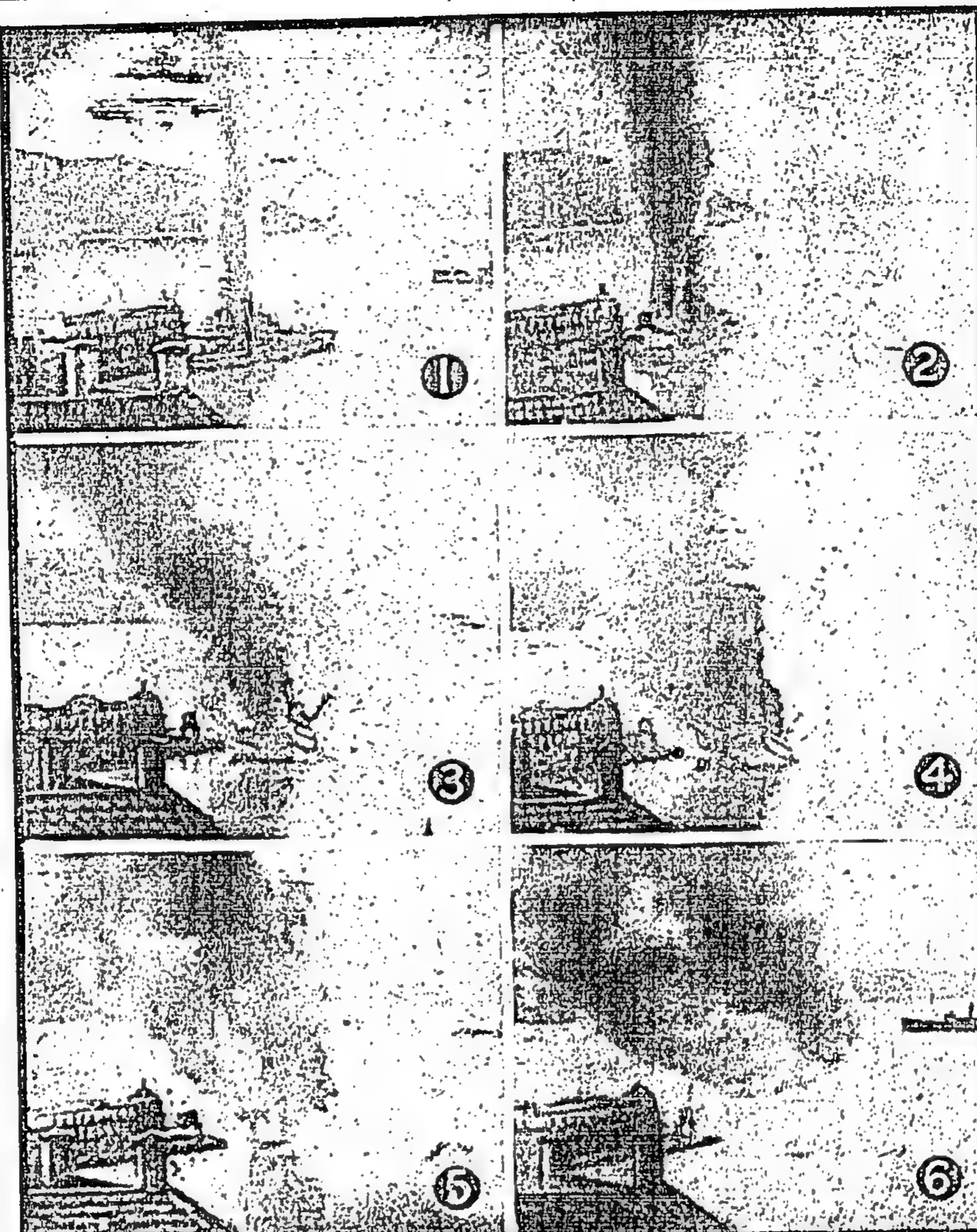
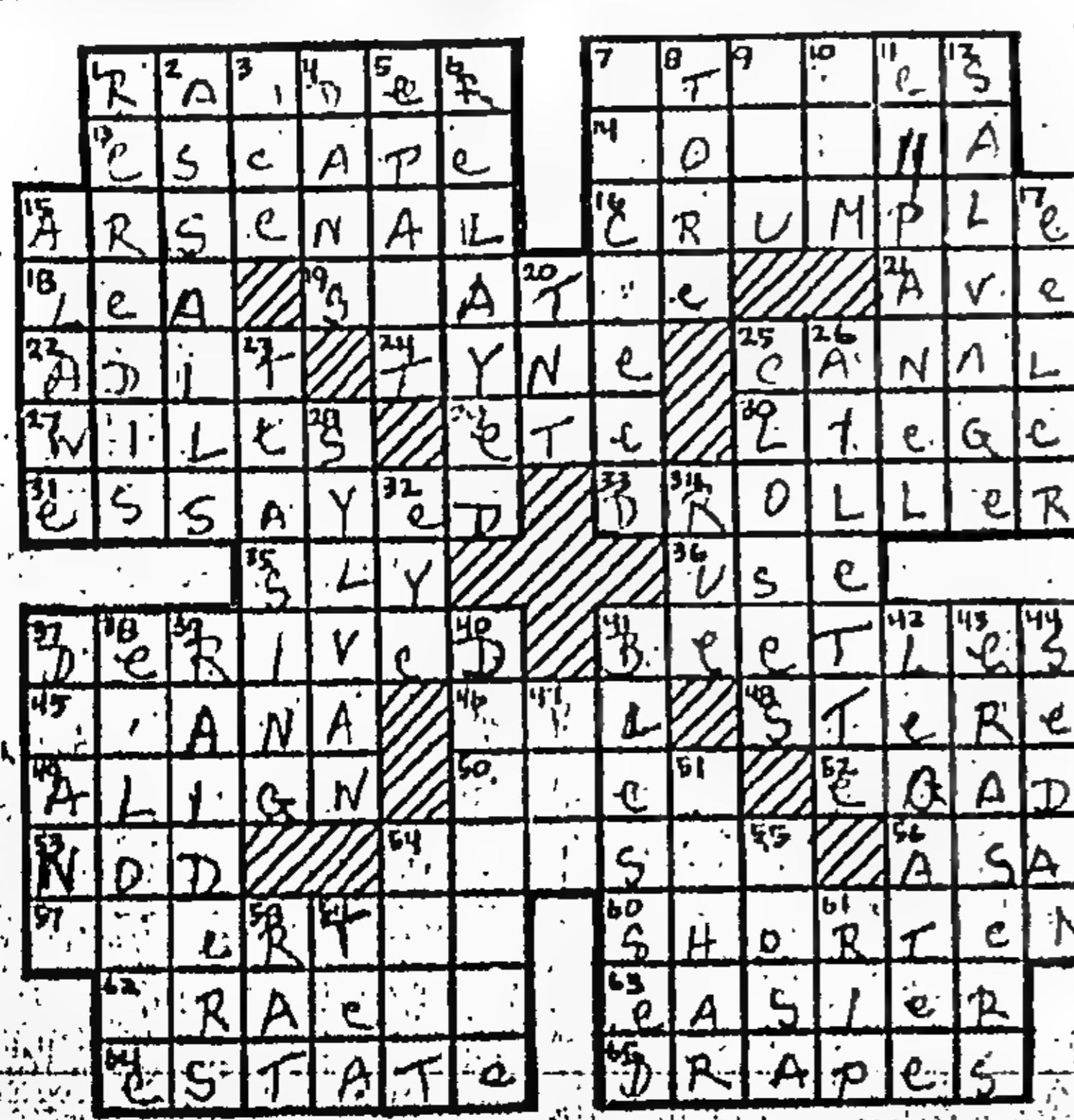
How should this hand be bid, and how should it be played if South is to be able to respond easily to any reaches, a six notrump contract? Opening lead a spade.

South started with a club bid so how should it be played if South is to be able to respond easily to any reaches, a six notrump contract? Opening lead a spade.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS		DOWN	
1—One who invades suddenly		6—Belonging to Daniel	
1—Public storehouses (French)		7—Solar year minus 12 lunar months	
14—Kind of Pacific Coast oak tree		8—Horse, in full fresh	
15—Mound of earth for mounds		9—Forfeited	
18—Wrinkle		10—Brazilian, cuckoo	
19—Injure severely		11—Crown, jury	
21—Prayer of intercession		12—Act of saving	
22—In Virgin		13—Property	
23—Tunnel entrance		14—Appliance for catching eels	
24—River in North America		15—Importuning persistently	
25—Artificial waterway		16—River of France	
27—Enclaves		28—Forest-like	
28—Enclaves		29—High, eight	
30—Doverian		31—Mountain in France	
31—Attempted		32—Short pastoral poem	
33—Cakes by boat		33—Those who make	
35—Secret		34—Pride in justification	
36—Employment		35—Worthy of veneration	
37—Conceived		36—Instruments of	
41—Kind of insect (PL)		37—Decision	
45—Site of battle		41—Automobile	
46—Addition to house		42—Good standing	
48—One cubic meter		43—Covers, as with	
50—Faded		44—Roman coins	
52—Minced oath		51—Composers of	
53—Faded texture		52—Cont'd disease	
54—Natural fountain		53—Italian painter	
55—Prefix: mastic		54—A "equalizer"	
		55—English brew	



Six stages, covering only 10 minutes in all, in the sinking of the bombed German light cruiser Konigsberg at Bergen. These remarkable photographs were taken from a house overlooking the harbour and were recently smuggled out of Norway. The 6,000-ton Konigsberg had been hit by a British submarine's torpedo off the coast, and she had hardly reached apparent safety at Bergen when she was attacked and bombed amidships by a machine of the Fleet Air Arm.

1. Smoke column shows the accuracy of the airmen's aim. 2. The cruiser moves to prevent the pier catching fire. 3. Mast has turned over acutely. 4. Bursting boilers add live steam to the smoke from the fire. 5. The cruiser has taken the plunge. 6. The sunken hull blocks the dock.

**Called Quisling, Gets £100**

Damages of £100 for slander was awarded in the King's Bench Division recently to Lieut. William Charles Hewitt, former manager and secretary of the Millwall Football Club, against Mr. Thomas Thorne, Somersethaven, Grove Park, S.E., the club chairman.

The action arose out of a Board meeting on April 23 last, at which Lieut. Hewitt alleged Mr. Thorne described him as a "Quisling," and a man who "had a disordered brain."

Mr. Justice Singleton, giving judgment, said he preferred Lieut. Hewitt's account of the meeting. He did not think Mr. Thorne thought that the Lieutenant had been disloyal to the club.

"The true position," the Judge added, "was that Mr. Thorne was very annoyed over the question of his firm's accounts (for work on ground improvements). He went on far in the language he used."

Lieut. Hewitt was allowed costs up to December 14, when Mr. Thorne had paid £100 into court.

**Free France Marches with Britain**

**Manning Factories**

When General de Gaulle made his radio appeal to Frenchmen in June last, he not only called for men of the fighting services, but also for "the engineers and the specialist workmen of the armament industry."

What results have the Free French Forces achieved in this field?

In the seven months following, under the auspices of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, French skilled labourers have been organised into the staff of a factory for repairing aeroplanes. Here, from the director down to the youngest employee, the factory personnel is entirely French.

Other French workers have found employment in London itself. Through the International Labour Branch of the Ministry of Labour, groups of French workmen have been formed to help in the demolition and clearing up of badly bombed parts of London.

Also, through the Ministry of Labour many French working men and women have been absorbed into various industries, in which, for the greater part, they are engaged on work that is vital to the British war effort.

**Centre Syndical Francais**

To create a bond between the French workers in Britain, a Centre Syndical Francais has been established, with the support of the British Trade Unions and the Federation Syndicale Internationale. This Centre was recently extremely useful in the speedy recruiting of workers to help in clearing up London.

In addition to the workers registered at the Centro Syndical Francais, the merchant sailors of the Free French Merchant Navy are likewise members.

**Cameroons Trade Agreement**

An important trade pact, signed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the United Kingdom, and General de Gaulle, on behalf of the Cameroons under French Mandate, was concluded recently, and a second agreement relating to Free French Equatorial Africa, is nearly ready for signature.

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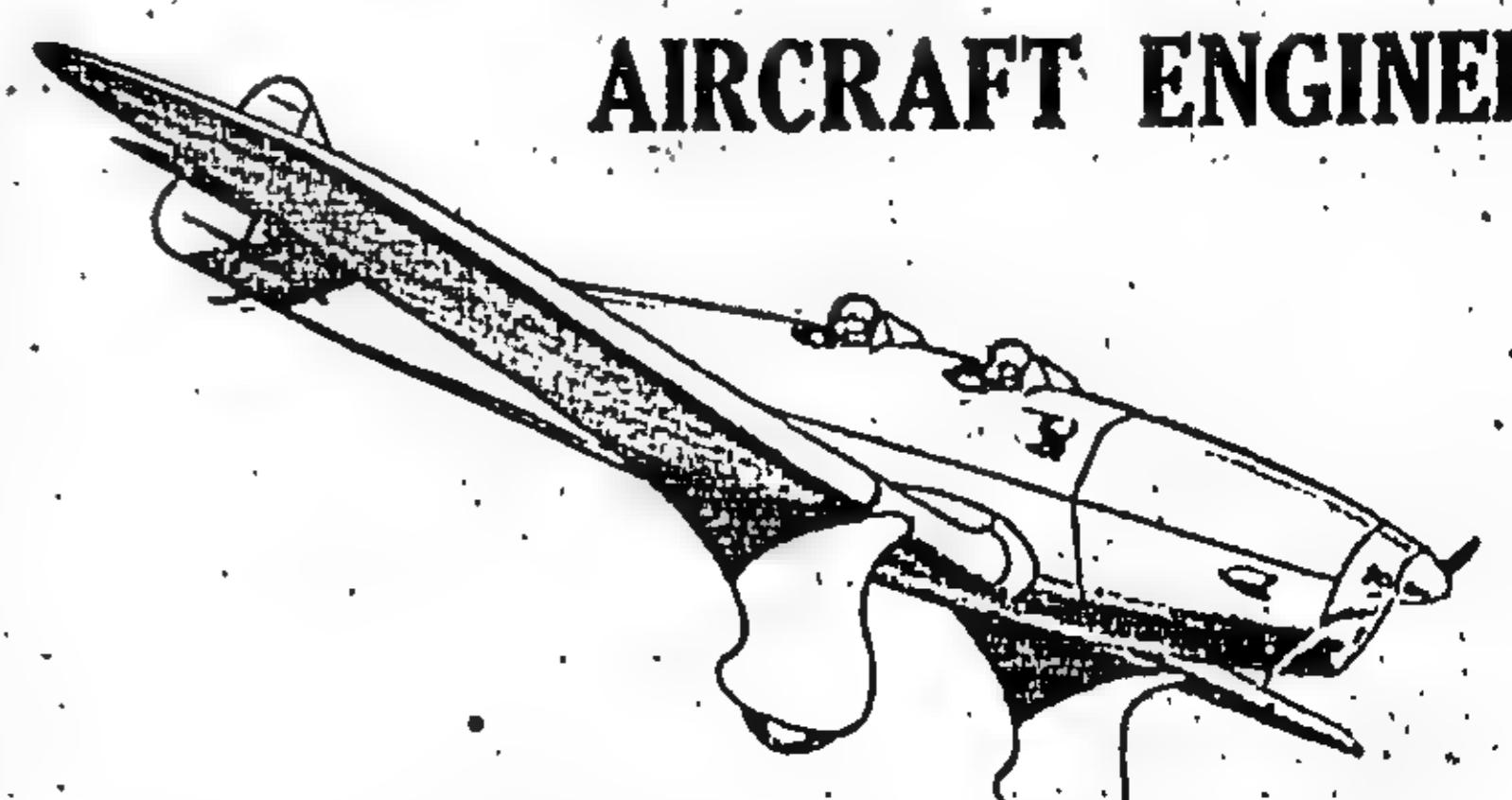
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**MARRIAGE**

COMPTON—RANK.—On June 14, 1941, in England, Charles Ronald Edmund, Royal Navy, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Compton, Longridge, Hongkong, to Patricia, youngest daughter of the late Mr Rowland Rank and of Mrs Rank, Aldwick, Sussex.

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

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### RUSSIA, THE ENIGMA

RUSSIA, the enigma of world politics during the past three years again comes startlingly to the forefront of the international political canvas as reports accumulate, firstly of an anticipated split with her strange partner, Germany, then an alleged new economic agreement, and now mobilisation—the latter presumably with the intention of preparing to withstand a military assault by the Nazis. In the background stands Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow, whose hurried return to London, his conversations with Mr Anthony Eden and the report that he will not return to Russia because he feels that he has "failed in his mission," all tend to heighten the drama which is now going on in eastern Europe. But what all this portends is still guesswork.

One thing stands out clearly; Germany is preparing to attempt another coup. What form it will take can hardly be declared in unequivocal terms at the moment, but there are indications that she is either dissatisfied with the help she is receiving from Russia and intends to secure more either by force or negotiation, or that Hitler, supremely confident of his military might, has decided to rid himself of the shackles which have bound him to his arch enemy Communism. The alternatives are, in fact, complementary, the accomplishment of which appears to be a natural corollary to Hitler's conquest of eastern and southern Europe.

Germany's liaison with Russia was never more than a dramatic display of opportunism, representing a personal, if shallow triumph for Ribbentrop and a loss of face on the part of Britain and her then ally France. Russia, however, probably made more out of the bargain than did Germany as witness first her bloodless gains in Poland and her subsequent control of the Baltic States at comparatively small cost. Hitler is not a man to be content with the lesser part of a bargain, especially if it is obtained at higher cost, and the fact that Russia possesses vital parts of southeastern Europe which Hitler desires—which are, in fact, essential to his war needs—makes his present pact with Stalin nothing more than a scrap of paper. Thus, it is not inconceivable that Germany and Russia will go to war, for Russia cannot afford to concede too much to Germany, and certainly not to give up the Ukraine, her strategic hold on Poland and her ill-gained gains in the Baltic.

The situation is fraught with intriguing possibilities. Attempts are being made to separate the economic and political issues between Germany and Russia, but history has shown how impossible this is. If Russia concedes her economic advantages she has, to all intents and purposes, sold her political soul; if she is unwilling to do this, war is the most likely result.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichly



"If the Governor read my letter to the paper the other day, this thing could have been entirely avoided!"

## German People Grow Apathetic

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

Hitler is worried, and this would enter Germany and lay the country waste is aggravated by the existing memories of the friendliness and good humour of the British Army of occupation after the last war. Goebbels has had to admit to the Fuehrer that hatred is not what it was in the armory of Nazi weapons.

The signing of the Lease and Lend Bill by Roosevelt has also had a depressing effect. There is no village in Germany that has not some connection with citizens of German origin in the U.S.A. The Republic of America has always been a vision of industrial power and vast wealth to the German people and the virtual declaration of war by that mighty nation has added materially to the deepening gloom.

The British Air Force, according to the neutral observers, is the next factor which is worrying Goebbels. Oddly enough it is not the inevitable casualties among civilians that worries the German people but the fact that the British pilots go through any barrage to reach their objective. The workers in the factories are showing a sharp fall in productive capacity.

The four observers agree that the people in the Third Reich are not defeatist and show no tendency to turn against the Fuehrer. They have simply reached a subnormal condition which nothing is able to change. One of the observers, a scientist, attributes this to the poor quality of the food over the last six years which is now having its effect.

This is the unanimous opinion of the four men: "The German people as a whole seem to believe neither in victory nor defeat. They are tired and dispirited and would like the war brought to an end. Hitler raves and complains about ingratitude but the fine edge of propaganda has been blunted by too much use. The depression of Germany constitutes one of Hitler's most serious problems."

most of the important towns of Italian East Africa.

### Roads That Have Helped

Ironically enough, the construction of these roads was to prove one of the vital factors, a mere five years later, contributing to the speed with which Abyssinia's liberation was to be accomplished.

One fact is very striking. Graziani's Southern Army took from Oct. 5, 1935, to April 30, 1936, to advance from the frontier of Italian Somaliland to Dugabur. This operation was later to take our Imperial forces a matter of a few weeks only. By far the greater part of the 130,000 Italian non-combatants said to be in the country were there labouring on road building and other public undertakings from which Italy was destined to reap so few advantages.

The building of all these roads and the establishment of telegraph and telephone services represented a colossal investment of capital and labour. But it has never yielded the Italians any dividend. On the contrary, it weakened their chances of resistance when the British Imperial troops were making their many-pronged advance that culminated in the recapture of Addis Ababa.

### Strategic Liability

What the extent of this Italian investment was it is impossible to calculate with any exactness. But a few figures may give some indication of its magnitude. The total weight of cargo unloaded at Italy's East African ports in 1936 was 1,053,000 metric tons, or more than treble the total of 313,000 tons exported from Italian East Africa.

A comparison between the value of imports and exports is even more striking. Exports from Italian East Africa for 1938 were valued by the Fascist authorities at 191,000,000 lire; the value of imports, at 2,477,000,000 lire, was more than 12 times as great. Thus, whilst Italy was pouring supplies into the country, exports from it were practically negligible.

And the exploitation of Abyssinia was rendered more difficult by the provisions whereby merchants were allowed to send goods to Italy only if they could obtain foreign exchange by exporting to non-Italian countries.

Events have shown that Mussolini's white elephant was a strategic liability of the first order—and, worse still, the unthankful beast proved to be blessed with a Gargantuan appetite.

It is doubtful whether Italy would have derived any benefit from her new Empire even if the Duce had not committed the folly of making an enemy of a Power in control of the seas. But one thing is certain—Italy's gigantic investment in Abyssinia in the form of capital, labour and human life never even began to yield a dividend, and now the chance of it doing so has passed.

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## WARNING TO SHIPPERS

### Statutory List

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare gives notice that any vessel carrying on transhipment of enemy goods arriving at South American ports from Europe will be liable to be placed on the Ships' Statutory List.

The Ministry states that the significance of ships being placed on the "statutory list" is that they are suspect as far as Britain is concerned. They are refused all facilities and applications for navalments are automatically declined.

It is understood that the United States Government is largely co-operating with Britain in enforcing the operation of the Ships' Statutory List so far as it means the denial of facilities.

## NOVEL SCHEME TRIED

### Friends For Wounded

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—A drive for 1,000,000 American friends for China's wounded soldiers will be launched in the United States by Mr. William Hsu, pioneer, founder and moving spirit of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China, who plans to leave for America some time in July.

In his forthcoming drive Mr. Hsu has the support of the Church Committee for the Promotion of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China and the Church Committee for China Relief in New York. The former will pay his travelling and other expenses and the latter will give him all the facilities he needs during his stay in the United States which will last three or four months. One million American friends paying US\$1 each will mean US\$1,000,000 for the relief of China's wounded.

## Hindus Being Left Behind

### Leader Makes Appeal

CALCUTTA, June 16 (Reuter).—An appeal to Hindu youths to join the military services, which are now open to them by the extensions of war, was made by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, at a meeting of Hindus to-day.

He said that it was their duty at this stage to militarise the whole nation. Britain had thrown open the army, navy and Air Force to India and it was to India's interest to take full advantage of these opportunities, after which they should try to secure more power.

He added that the present Congress movement was anti-British; hence Britain preferred Muslims, Gurkhas and Sikhs to communities who were pro-Congress. Therefore, the Army was manned by Muslims from top to bottom.

Mr. Savarkar criticised Gandhi's cult of non-violence and called it "absolutely sinful."

## Indo-Burmese Problems

### Trade and Immigration

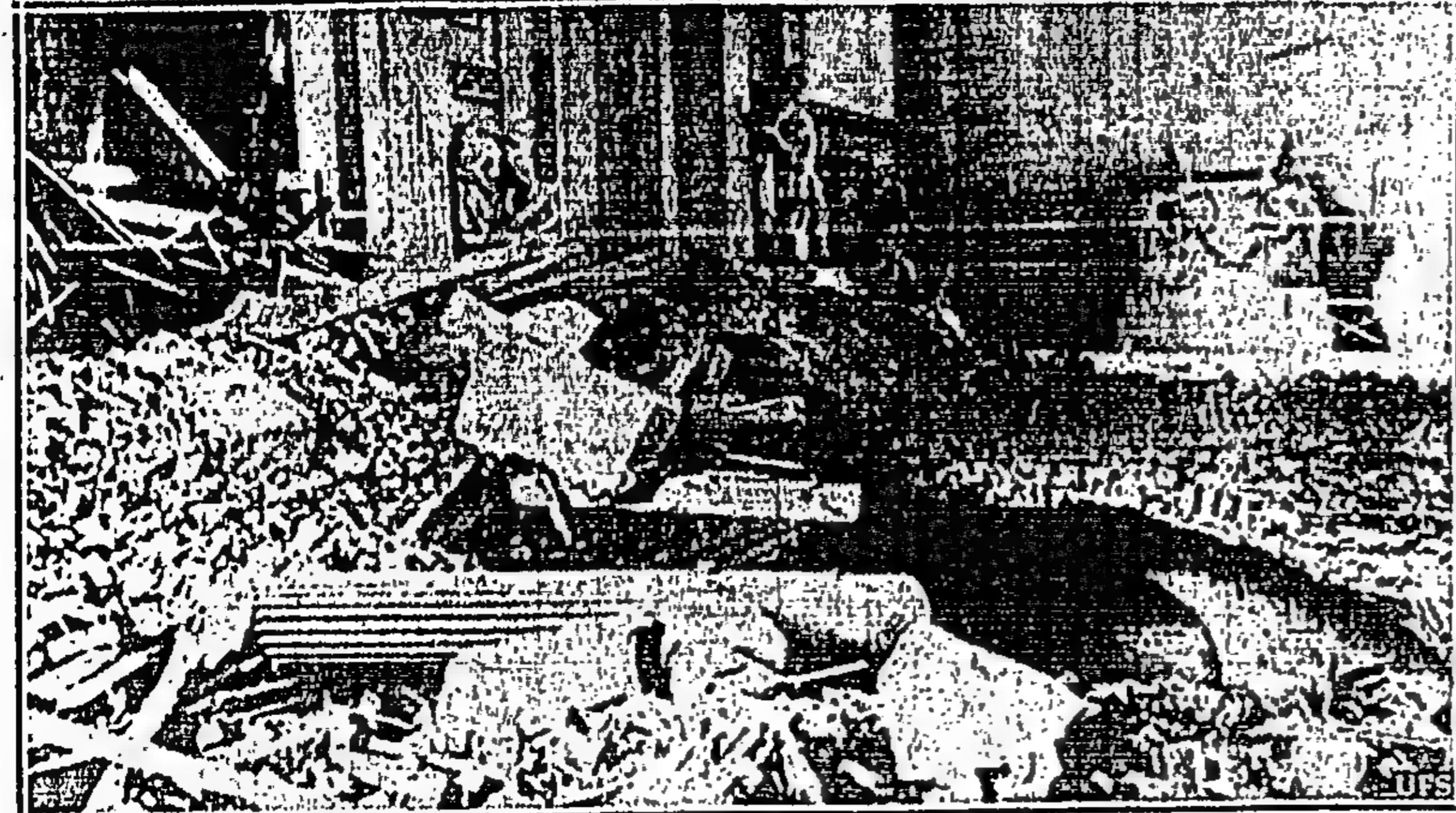
CALCUTTA, June 16 (Reuter).—Indo-Burmese trade problems having been solved by negotiation and the recent Indo-Burma trade pact having been signed, the stage is set for a solution of the problem of Indian immigration.

The arrival of a delegation headed by Mr. Bajaj, the Viceroy's Councillor, to this end has aroused the keenest interest.

The Riot Enquiry Committee of 1938 traced the disturbance partly to the "apprehensions of Burmans at the presence of a large number of Indians in Burma."

The Baxter Commission embarked on a wide fact-finding enquiry whose report has been before both governments for some time though not published.

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—We are prepared to defend our fatherland" was the slogan of monster Youth Organisation demonstrations in Moscow and many other places in Moscow to-day, according to the Swiss radio.



ST PAUL'S BOMBED—Cable picture from London shows damage to famed St Paul's Cathedral caused by a German high explosive bomb in the city's worst air raid. The bomb went through the roof, piercing the steeple dome of the great structure and smashed into the north transept. St Paul's is now closed.

## Millstones To Empire From Isle-Of-Dogs

On the oddly named Isle-of-Dogs, almost hidden in a forest of masts and smokestacks and tall warehouses, stands a busy factory that houses a forgotten industry despite the aerial blitzkrieg.

In this factory skilled craftsmen manufacture millstones. One of the workers has been employed by this firm for more than half a century.

Fifty years ago there were a number of firms throughout the country manufacturing millstones. Many persons to-day have been reared, as were their forefathers, upon "whole meal bread" made from flour ground by millstones. The one remaining British firm still making natural millstones is this factory on the Isle-of-Dogs, Millwall. The concern has been making millstones for nearly 140 years.

### Factory Not Hit

Although in a much bombed area the factory has not been hit and the firm has been busier than before the war.

Export trade has increased considerably since the collapse of France because that country was a competitor. The millstones find their way to India, the Sudan, Palestine, Canada, and other colonies.

The stones are also in greater demand as in some cases old wind and watermills which have been out of service for years are being brought back into use.

Millstones are used for grinding many things in addition to corn and grit for cattle food, including colours for camouflage paint, chocolate beans, lime for fertilisers, plaster and cement, different kinds of ores, manganese and all kinds of chemicals.

## ESPIONAGE IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—Espionage and subversive activities are engaging more people in the United States than in the last war, according to a report by the State Department to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This was revealed when the Committee was considering approval of legislation empowering the President to govern the entry and exit of aliens into the United States.

## Stimulating Manchurian Steel & Coal

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, June 16 (Domei).—The Manchurian Affairs Board to-day approved the proposed increase of the Manchuria Heavy Industry Company's capital from Yen 450,000,000 to Yen 670,000,000 in order to fulfil the Company's part in the plan for increasing the production of steel and coal in Manchukuo for the current year.

The present increase totalling Yen 220,000,000 will double the civilian holdings in the Company's stocks. The additional stocks will bear 6 per cent interest annually without entitling votes. Civilian shareholders will be asked to double their holdings in subscribing for the increased shares.

## STUDENTS FOR BRITAIN

### —Warning

It was officially announced yesterday that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding students who may wish to proceed to the United Kingdom for the purpose of acquiring professional or other higher educational qualifications.

It is not desired to impose any rigid ban which would have the effect of holding up the training of students whose work will be valuable to the community in the post-war period; it is realised that the war risks involved, including the possibility of interruption of studies when in the United Kingdom, may in certain circumstances be worth taking in the interests of the Empire as a whole.

But it is considered that in general students should only go to the United Kingdom provided:

(a) That they have carried their training as far as possible locally;

(b) That the possibility of their undertaking similar training in other sterilising areas than the United Kingdom has been fully considered;

(c) That the course which they desire to take will last for at least two years after their arrival in the United Kingdom and that no question of their wishing to return to Hongkong before that time is likely to arise;

(d) That they are financially equipped for the period of their stay in the United Kingdom. A minimum sum of at least £200 per annum, including fees, should be available.

Any student who satisfies the above conditions and desires to pursue his studies in the United Kingdom should in the first instance communicate with the Director of Education in order that the circumstances of his case may be considered by the Secretary of State before any arrangements for his voyage are made.

## Woman Assessor Appointment To Hongkong Announced

London, May 24.

There is a great deal of interest here in the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy Mathias, a Hove Accountant, to go to Hongkong as a War Tax Assessor.

There are of course many women Chartered Accountants here, but it is I gather the first time a woman in this profession has been sent from the Colonial Service abroad.

I am told that she is to sail very shortly.—Our Own Correspondent.

The course of St. John Ambulance Brigade Home Nursing lectures previously advertised to be given by Dr. P. Rutherford, will commence in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd, by courtesy of the management, to-morrow, June 18 at 6.30 p.m.

London, June 16 (Reuter).—A Norwegian tanker was shelled by a Vichy shore battery off Iles de Log (off the coast of French Guinea, West Africa) on June 12 and was also machine-gunned by a Vichy aircraft, it is learned here.

## President Steamers Taken Over

The American President Lines has officially announced the requisitioning by the United States Maritime Commission of several of its Trans-Pacific and Round-the-World steamers, according to Mr. T. B. Wilson, General Agent of the line in Hongkong.

The steamers requisitioned include the super-de-luxe liner, President Coolidge, which left Hongkong yesterday for San Francisco; and the well-known President Taft and President Cleveland, which are now en route to San Francisco. The President Pierce, now outward bound to Hongkong, will sail from here for the last time on July 1.

The Maritime Commission has also taken the new Round-the-World steamers, President Jackson and President Hayes, which recently passed through Hongkong on their maiden voyages, and the President Adams which was placed in service at New York recently.

According to present arrangements, the American President Lines will have in service the newly commissioned President Monroe and President Garfield, and, when completed, the President Van Buren and President Polk. In addition, the Round-the-World steamers President Taylor, President Madison, President Grant, and President Harrison will be in service. At the moment, the routes to which the steamers have been allocated have not been definitely fixed.

The Company also expects to have available four large cargo carriers, viz., the President Buchanan, President Johnson, President Tyler and President Fillmore, and it is believed that these steamers will load from Oriental ports via Panama Canal to New York.

Definite schedules for all services may be expected shortly.

Old memories!

## LETTERS

### Hongkong Telegraph Diamond Jubilee

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—I am writing to congratulate you and all the others concerned therein upon the production of what was, in effect, this Jubilee Number in connection with the above.

I found the epitome of the journalistic life of the "Telegraph" most interesting, as I feel sure, must have been shared with others of its readers and I have cut it out and pasted it with a view to placing it among my other Hongkong records.

I can very clearly recall Mr. John Joseph Francis, Q.C., the proprietor of the newspaper in 1900, when I arrived in the Colony.

Mr. Francis, like Mr. Fraser Smith, was a very strong character, and very proud of his position as Unofficial Leader of the Bar, so much so indeed that when he attended at the old Supreme Court in Queen's Road Central in January 1901 when the then Chief Justice His Honour Sir John Carrington recorded the sympathy of the Bench and Bar in relation to the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Mr. Francis, following the speech of the Attorney General (Hon. Sir William Meigh Goodman, K.C.—afterwards His Honour Sir William Goodman, Chief Justice) prefaced the remarks which he made with the words "As the actual, if not the official, Leader of the Bar."

Mr. Francis died in or about Sept. 1901 while on a holiday in Japan, having been a resident in Hongkong from approximately 1859.

I instructed him in the last case wherein he appeared at the Supreme Court, namely: *Luk Lal Cho v. Kinghorn & Macdonald*, an action which was brought to recover damages for breach of warranty of authority in respect of the sale of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 39, wherein Mr. Francis (along with the late Mr. E. H. Sharp—then a Junior Barrister, but afterwards a K.C. and Leader of the Bar) appeared on behalf of the Defendants, who had written a letter to the Plaintiff in which they had said:

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At the trial in which Mr. Francis appeared—Mr. (as he then was—afterwards Sir Henry) Pollock, K.C., representing the Plaintiff—judgment was entered for the Plaintiff, but later on the Defendants appealed and a new trial was ordered. The latter took place before His Honour Mr. Justice Wise (Acting Chief Justice) in December 1901, with the result that the Defendants were successful, as also in the Appeal by the Plaintiff which followed in the following month.

Mr. Sharp's handling of the Defendants' case at the second trial was magnificent—an opinion which was heartily confirmed by Mr. Caesar Hawkins (the then Sub-Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong—who was foreman of the Jury at the second Trial) in the course of conversation in the bar of the Hongkong Club—which I frequented in those days!—shortly after the trial had taken place.

Old memories!

J. SCOTT HARSTON.

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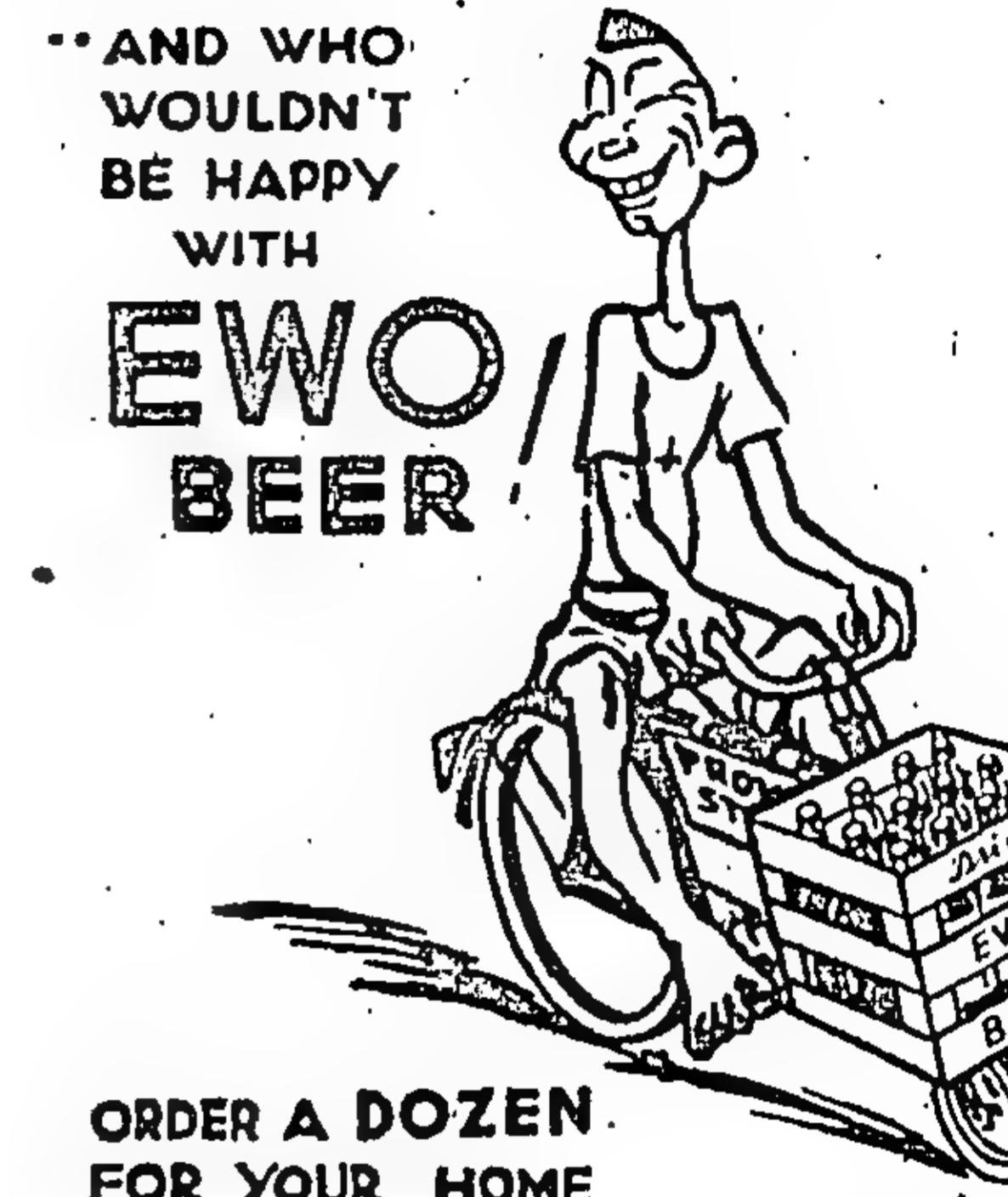


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## New Order In Asia Is Old Topic In Tokyo

Special to the "Telegraph".

TOKYO, June 16 (Domei).—The first day of the five-day session of the Central Co-operation Council of the National Service Association was devoted to "the pronouncing of the people's voice" concerning vital problems facing the nation by provincial representatives.

Referring to the establishment of a Greater East Asia Co-prosperity sphere, Mr. Shizuo Imai declared that this is the fixed policy of the Imperial Japanese Government and should embrace all peoples and resources throughout East Asia. Wondering how much has been achieved in this direction during the past ten months since the conclusion of the Three-Power Pact which expressly recognises Japan's leadership in East Asia, Mr. Imai said he could not help feeling the unceasing pressure of the American Ambassador and the office of the Standard Oil Company of New York were also damaged.

It is understood that American naval supplies were stored in the Standard Oil Company's Office.

## NEW ZEALAND CONSCRIPTION

WELLINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—A Bill was enacted to-day for the immediate enrolment for military service of all married men between the ages of 18 and 45.

Only men of between 21 and 40 will be liable for military service overseas.

## Canberra Cabinet Meets Suddenly

CANBERRA, June 16 (Reuter).—The Federal Cabinet met unexpectedly to-day.

It was to have met to-morrow when Mr. H. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, was to take a nation-wide broadcast.

## Nazis Consider How To Counter U. S. Measure

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—The immediate freezing of all German and Italian assets and those of the occupied European countries by President Roosevelt is described in the *Wilhelmstrasse* as "entirely unjustified," says the official

# Mindanao Baseballers In League Winning Form

## Pitchers In Week-end Limelight

### Weekend Stars

Crusher Ruel and Ski Powlowski, Mindanao—Former hurled brilliant one hit ball in his first appearance on the terrific M mound, whiffing seven and allowing only one tally to cross the platter; latter led the champions slugging attack, driving out two slugging triples and a double, and tore past the pan with three runs.

Grandpa Leung and Bill Chang, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former drove in the winning run in the 8th frame with a clutch single to right field; latter dashed up a steady game behind the plate and checked in with two tallies in the Maroon win.

Dave Leonard and Tony Alves, H.B. Beer—The tributary Dave brought in three runs with a screaming triple in the first stanza; latter led the Beermen attack with two hits and came home with two tallies.

### South China Bow To Chung Hwa Nine

(By "Ball Fan")

Old man Pluvius again reached far and wide with his "slip-slushy" skids out at the Chatham Road ball park last week-end as drizzly trickling waters smeared the Kowloon horizon once more to spread its well-known damp sign on Saturday's two-game major ball loop attraction, keeping the bleacher bellowers down to a meagre few. The distressing clouds eased up on Sabbath morn, allowing the glaring sun to give ball fans a break once more.

berry" balls, as the Honolblu pan duster sent twelve Chung Hwamen back to the bench via the white route.

The hitless Maroons gashed across with a three run lead in the first two frames, but were temporarily stopped when South China chalked up one in the 4th stanza, then stung out with a three run spurge in the next ento on a brace of singles by the dual brother act, Cecil and Hal Winglee.

Going into their half of the 7th down 5-4, the Caroline Hillmen broke through with that desperate tying tally when Maroon twirler Al Lau's "dead-on" plate ball bounded towards the stanza to send Harry Chin home with a short lived lifer.

Grandpa Leung's gang found their first two bingles of the tilt in the 8th, on singles by Dickie Chung and Morocco Chin, but just missed out with that climax tally when Chung was tagged making a dash for the plate.

In the eventual 8th Bill Chang took first on Harry Chin's fatal mist and after Shorty Ho had whiffed, Kenny Lo smashed out a sizzling double to right, sending the injured Bill Chang to third for that perfect "we must win" atmosphere. Pinch hitter grandpa Leung, with visions of ending the old ball game right then and there, strode to the platter with all the confidence in the world and "singa," the lively pill took a safe ride out to right, as Bill Chang sailed eagerly home with the winning run and the ball game in the bag.

DAVE Leonard's line-scoring triple in the first frame, driving in three early session runs, sparked H.B.'s madcap Beermen in their initial victory of the year, as they took a 7-4 win from Asheville's Tennessee bag.

SUNDAY morning's single tilt gave Brewer fans that confidence feeling, when the Beermen returned to their old time show of the one hit hurling of that popular "singing man" Ruel. Chung Hwa Maroons took a climatic 6-5, nine inning win to set the South China crew down with their second straight loss.

The Brewers flashed in with their winning runs in two big scoring innings, climaxing with a round-house four run spurt in the 6th canto on three solid bingles which cleared the way for Showboat All, Tony Alves, Dave and Stan Leonard to cluster across the pan in a blazing finish.

Manager Tony Groverdale started Dige D'Inacomo in the hillock against the brewing Brewers, but the strong armed Dige struck into a wild ball in the 6th and was rushed to the cooling showers; Charlie Sawyer took over in the relief role to finish off the game.

Marking up single tallies in the 5th and 6th stanzas, the fighting sailors made a stretch bid for victory in the 7th as George Walkins and outfielder Crumm, first two tars up, bunted safely and doubled respectively, to appear in scoring positions.

Freezer "Honolulu" Leis drove out a sizzling single to right, bringing in Walkins and Crumm, but the rally ended when Hing hoisted to centre.

Charlie Sawyer then popped to Stan Leonard and pinch hitter Tony Groverdale grounded to Sousa, ending the game.

Dige D'Inacomo, in his first set-up on a local mound, showed a fast burst of speed, striking out four Beermen and allowing five bingles.

With a little more confidence in the clutch, the square-shouldered Dige should wind-up one of the leading hurlers in the local major ball loop.

The first mid-week game in this year's loop schedule is booked for tomorrow afternoon at 5:15 p.m.

at the Chatham Road ball park, when the Marauding Mohawks take on a tough assignment in their first.

Sapper keystoker Welfie Welford dashed up two rare fielding gems out there by second base making a swan-dive nab in the 2nd frame to grab Arky Vaughn's low sailing liner, and taking in Boverson's bullet drive in the 3rd to stop a terrific M scoring rally. Welford's unorthodox ball-playing style has given the gashouse mob that "extra something" to ponder over, but from this angle he's pretty effective on the fast improving English ball machine.

Manager Ival Goodman's merry-go-round men added two more markers in the 3rd canto on Ski Powlowski's first triple of the game,

a single and Tony Muscavage's sacrifice hoist to deep centre; they chalked up another run in the 6th and blazed away in the 8th stanza with a seven run exploding spurt as the American diamond artists came into their own at the platter.

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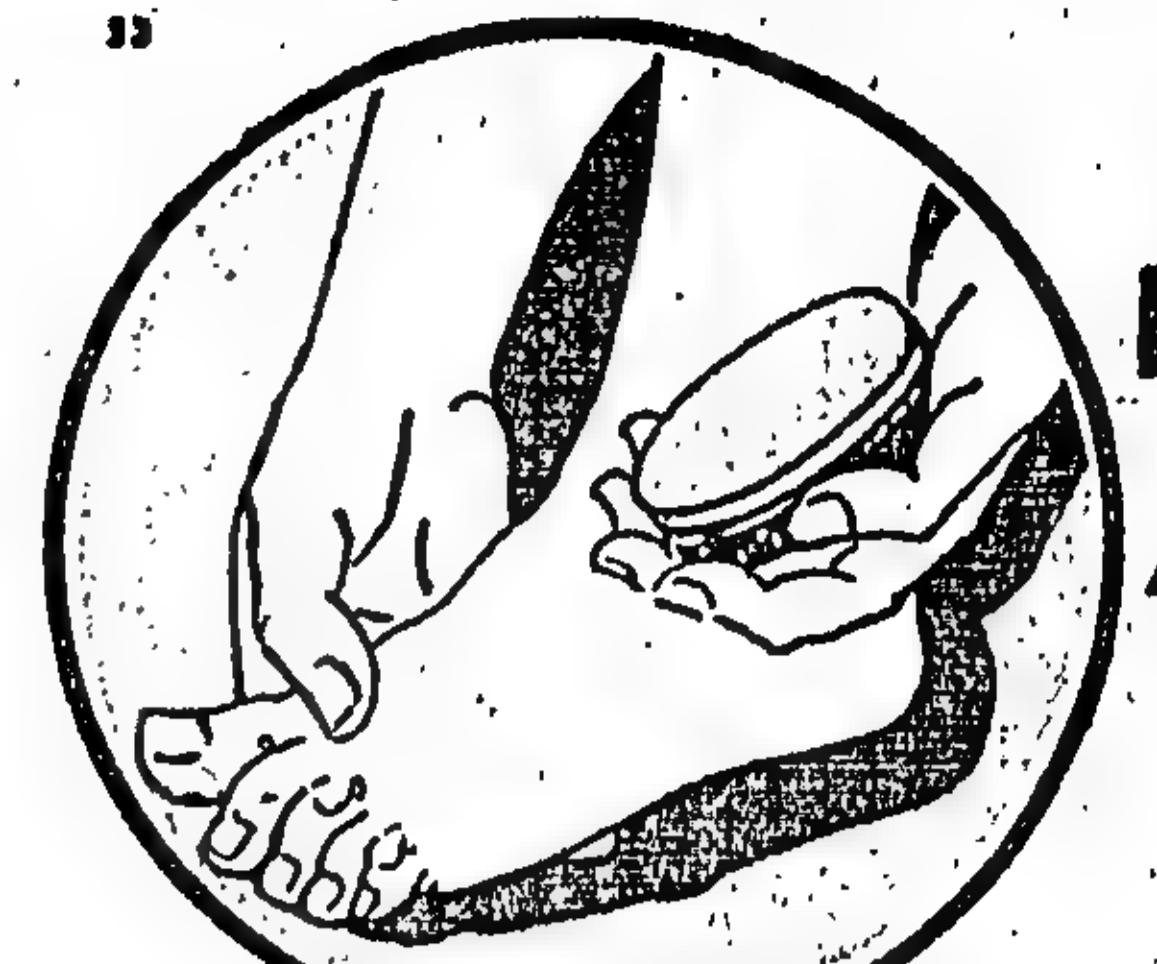
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READY TO FIGHT—President Roosevelt dedicating Woodrow Wilson's birthplace at Staunton, Va., as shrine. Seated at left are Cordell Hull, Lady and Lord Halifax, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Wilson. President said U.S. was "ever ready to fight again" for democracy.

## The Origin Of O.K.

NEW YORK, June 15 (UP).—The acquiescent expression "O.K.", uttered a billion times daily, is an etymological orphan. No one has ever satisfactorily explained what the two letters stand for or how the expression arose, according to Woodford Heflin, associate editor of the Dictionary of American English.

"This supposition," he said, "has no evidence to support it other than the similarity of sounds."

Some philologists have traced the expression as far back as 1790, when slave sales were entered in court records with the notation "O.K." believed to be a corruption of the abbreviation "O.R." for "Order Received."

Heflin believes the first genuine historical example of the expression is date 1815, an entry in "a travel diary of William Richardson," reading "Arrived at Princeton, a handsome little village, O.K., and at Trenton where we dined at 1 p.m."

## Simple Skin Test For Pregnancy Discovered

Development of a simple one-hour test for pregnancy, probably the most remarkable discovery of its kind ever made, was announced recently by the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The new method is a skin test, very much like those used for allergy such as hay fever. Besides indicating pregnancy in 30 minutes to an hour, it is easy to give, and inexpensive.

The University's doctors have quietly made several hundred trials of the new test during the past year. They reported it is 98 percent reliable and detects pregnancy as early as two weeks.

The method in general use for the past decade, the Aschheim-Zondek test in which white mice or rabbits are used, has the same percentage of reliability but requires more time, seldom detects earlier than four weeks, and costs considerably more.

The new test was developed by Dr. Frederick H. Faits, head of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, who has studied the problem since 1914; Dr. V. C. Freda of that department and Dr. H. H. Cohen of the Physiological Chemistry Department. Dr. William H. Welker, head of the Physiological Chemistry Department, was consultant.

## Colostrum Injection

The test consists of injecting into the forearm, with a fine hypodermic needle, a minute amount of colostrum, a watery liquid secreted in the breasts during pregnancy.

No reaction occurs if the woman is pregnant, but if she is not the point of injection begins to look as if she had a mosquito bite. A red-dish area one to two inches in diameter appears. This bump raises within an hour and disappears in four or five hours.

## FIRE DESTROYS FAMOUS CLUB Officer Trapped

Directors of Bath Club, Dover-street, W., arrived there recently for their monthly board meeting—to find the premises a blackened shell.

The club—where the King and his brothers had swimming lessons, and where Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret won swimming prizes in 1939—was wrecked by fire in the early hours of the morning.

Pilot Off. (Actg. Flg. Off.) W. G. Alrey, one of the guests, lost his life, and three firemen, injured fighting the blaze, were taken to hospital.

Pilot Off. Alrey was sleeping in his room on the third floor and could not be roused by the staff, who were cut off from him by the flames.

Other club members, including Maj.-Gen. Sir Andrew McCulloch, escaped in their night clothes or hastily donned attire, while one member of the staff scrambled down a drain-pipe from a first-floor room and jumped into the arms of a taxi driver.

Maids and women members of the kitchen staff, on the top floor, were awoken by the crackling of flames. They grabbed their clothes and rushed to safety down the staircases.

## Author's Escape

Mr. Guy Malmendinger Morton, "Peter Trail," the author and playwright, was rescued from a fourth-floor bedroom by a fireman, who brought him down on escape to the street.

Magnificent Adam ceilings, part of the original building when the club was founded in 1894, were destroyed. Valuable books, pictures and furnishings, including a collection of Peilegrin cartoons in the curio room were also lost.

At a meeting of directors at which Lord Desborough, the president, of the club presided, it was decided to accept an offer by the Lansdowne Club to provide temporary accommodation to members of the Bath Club. Meanwhile, the staff, numbering about 100, are temporarily without employment.

Two of the N.C.O.'s accused of assaulting non-combatant conscientious objectors were acquitted on all charges at court martial at Liverpool. They were Company Sergeant Major William Cooper and Sergeant T. Alexander, both of the Pioneer Corps. After a speech for the defence, which contained a strong attack on the Peace Pledge Union, the court considered for an hour before bringing in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

## MERCURY MONOPOLY ENDED

WASHINGTON, June 15 (UP).—Increased output of quicksilver in Mexico, Peru and the United States has been instrumental in breaking the Italo-Spanish mercury monopoly, according to Commerce Department officials.

Quoting authoritative British sources, experts said they believed the world quicksilver cartel, formerly controlled by Italian and Spanish interests, had been "definitely ended" by rapid increases in non-European production.

The Mexican mercury industry, it was pointed out, has been revitalised by Great Britain's wartime needs. Evidently fearing the possible loss of Spanish supplies, the British Government has made sure of the availability of the entire Mexican supply, which runs into thousands of flasks each year.

Production in Peru and British Columbia has also been stepped up for the same reason.

The United States, for the first time on record, ranked as an exporter of quicksilver last year when 50,000 flasks were produced, approximately 20,000 more than could be consumed by domestic industries. The surplus was sent mainly to Great Britain.

**Abnormal Consumption**  
Full effect of the sharp increases in quicksilver production, officials said, will not be felt until the cessation of hostilities. It is believed that the blow will fall sharply on the Italo-Spanish interests, which accounted for four-fifths of the world output during the period immediately preceding the outbreak of the present war.

Officials pointed out that European war machines are now consuming an abnormal amount of mercury. Changes in the sources and amount of the world supply will undoubtedly take place when demand returns to alignment with normal industrial needs, but most officials believe that the old world monopoly has finally been smashed.

## Servicemen's Position After War

LONDON, June 15 (UP).—There will be no demobilisation after the war for men in the services until they have found a job. This is one of the recommendations of a special committee appointed by the Government to work out a policy of reconstruction.

Plans for the demobilisation of sailors, soldiers, airmen and A.R.P. workers have been made by the committee.

Priority will be given to those who can return to key posts and those who will be useful in the task of rebuilding property and assisting in the general reconstruction of the country.

The remainder will be urged to stay in the forces till a full trade recovery has taken place and their posts are available.

Men will also be retained in the army as working squads for clearing up debris and constructing temporary homes for returning evacuees.

**Trade Plans**  
The Government, which aims at preventing wholesale unemployment, has plans for the development of trade, and experts believe that British industry may have to be developed on different lines owing to the increased industrialisation of the Dominions resulting from their war effort.

To meet this problem, one of the first steps after the war will be the conclusion of fresh trade pacts within the Empire, which will be followed by trade agreements with the Allied countries.

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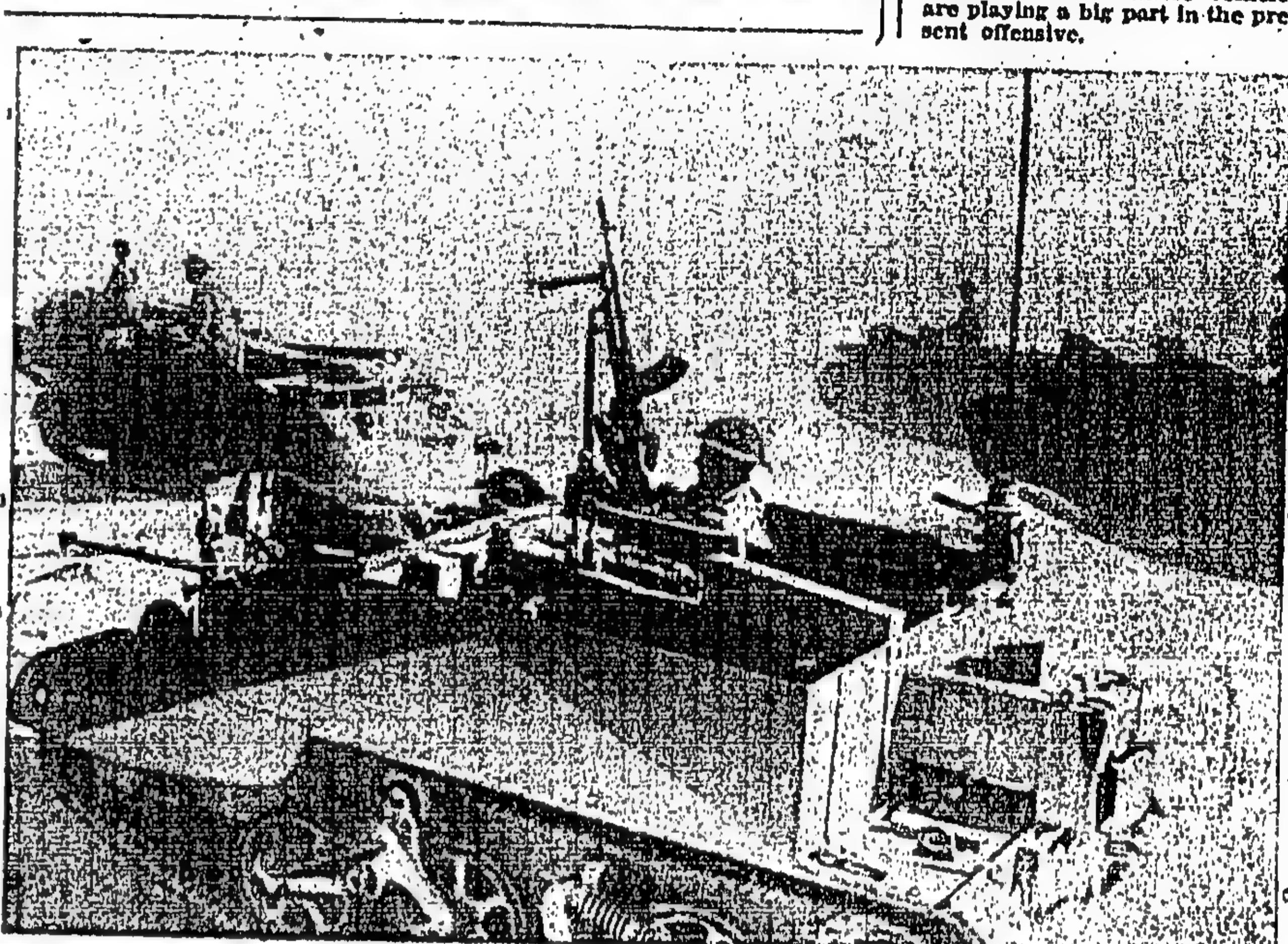
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troops in action in the  
Western Desert. These vehicles  
are playing a big part in the pre-  
sent offensive.



### Libyan Offensive

## British Occupation Of Capuzzo Reported

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuters).—The occupation of Capuzzo by the Allies, though still not confirmed, is reported after strenuous fighting in which a large number of armoured fighting vehicles were engaged.

The conflict continues on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in the triangle of Sollum, Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops have attacked Hellfire Pass (Halfaya) and south of the escarpment. Fighting continues also on top of the escarpment, west of Halfaya.

It is emphasised that the offensive mentioned in to-day's communiqué does not mean a large-scale offensive; the present battle is just a continuation of the ding-dong struggle progressing ever since the retreat from Benghazi.

### Little Opposition

There was little opposition to the Allied move south of the escarpment; real fighting began when the troops entered the comparatively limited area of the desert round Halfaya which is the main scene of the present operations.

The main point is that while the recent fighting was east of Halfaya, the present is to the west, but it is early yet to say what developments will follow the thrust.

### Operation Continuing

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuters).—A British G.H.Q. communiqué announces: "Yesterday our troops in the Western Desert took offensive action against the enemy holding positions in the area south and southeast of Sollum. The operation is continuing."

### Fighting Vehicles Involved

CAIRO, June 16 (Reuters).—Considerable numbers of Army fighting vehicles are involved in the Western Desert fighting at Sollum, Dlsolm and Halfaya.

British and Indian troops are part-

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## TOKYO TALKS

### Government and High Command

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 16 (Domel).—An extraordinary conference between the High Command and the Government was held at the Premier's official residence this afternoon to discuss outstanding problems at home and abroad.

Government officials present were the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsukata, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro Okawa, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Kenji Tomita, the Director of the Military Affairs Bureau, Major-General Akira Muto, and the Director of the Naval Affairs Bureau, Rear-Admiral Takazumi Oka.

Representing the High Command were General Gen Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Admiral Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff.

After the adjournment of the conference the War Minister, Lieut-General Tojo, remained at the Premier's official residence and conferred separately with Major-General Akira Muto and Rear-Admiral Takazumi Oka. The substance of the discussions was not revealed.

## Secret Nazi-Japanese Agreement Revealed

#### Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 16 (UP).—According to highly reliable non-British diplomatic sources it is revealed that there is a secret German-Japanese economic agreement whereby Tokyo will undertake to deliver a large volume of tropical products, notably rubber, tin and vegetable oils to Germany while Berlin will supply armaments for Japan.

Whether Japan will attack the Netherlands East Indies in order to obtain enough produce to satisfy Hitler, as well as Russia, would exempt German arms shipments to Japan from the recent transit ban.

## Allies Continue Syria Advance

## Powerful Forces outside Damascus

JERUSALEM, June 16 (Reuters).—The Allied forces outside Damascus are very powerful. A spokesman to-day foresees at the same time that the steep hills and orchards protecting the city from the southwest might necessitate entry from the northern side by an encircling movement.

## SHANGHAI BADLANDS MURDER

### Japanese Police Chief Is Victim

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, June 17 (UP).—Four Chinese gunmen, alleged to be pro-Chungking adherents, shot and killed Mr. Shikayuki Akazi, Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police in the "Badlands" district which is policed by the Shanghai Municipal Council and Nanking's Greater Shanghai Municipality authorities.

A British Deputy, Mr. S. Sharrock, captured one of the

gunmen but the other three escaped after a battle. Mr. Akazi

was shot at 9.30 a.m. and died

five minutes later.

The councillor body appointed

Mr. Akazi as head of the Japanese section of the Municipal Police two years ago. He was

one of the most popular of the

foreign members.

LONDON, June 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry issued a communiqué to-day stating that a Catalina flying boat of the Coastal Command attacked four enemy aircraft over Gibraltar on Sunday and damaged all of them.

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## LATEST

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Further Late News

## Sweden Jittery: Calling Up Reserves: Sports Cancelled

#### Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 16 (UP).—Semi-official sources revealed that the extensive calling up of reservists during recent days is still progressing. German planes flew over the south coast province of Skane but left after Swedish neutrality guards had fired on them.

A report from Helsinki states that many football matches and other sports events planned throughout Sweden this week have been cancelled which is taken as a sign of public unrest.

Swedish sources are scrupulously making no comment regarding the flood of reports regarding the Russo-German tension, but the public is very excited and speculating on the possibility of a war which will embroil Finnish neutrality.

There is a symptomatic general feeling of fear for the future.

### Gen Bergeret's Appointment

LONDON, June 17 (Reuters).—General Bergeret, the Vichy Secretary of State for Air, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French Air Force in Syria. He gave the same answer when asked if any of the agencies had been involved in sabotage.

Asked whether an investigation of

Consular officials had been made.

Mr. Welles referred his questions to the Department of Justice. He

gave the same answer when asked

if any of the agencies had been

involved in sabotage.

Berlin Surprised

BERLIN, June 16 (UP).—A British report to-day evidenced

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## Knox Says U.S. Hour Of Decision Has Arrived

#### Special to the "Telegraph"

MONTREAL, June 16 (UP).—Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, in a broadcast to the United States and Canada said that the United States people were "now at the very hour of decision", such as Canada had had to face in relation to the European war.

The United States must make a choice similar to the one made by Canada.

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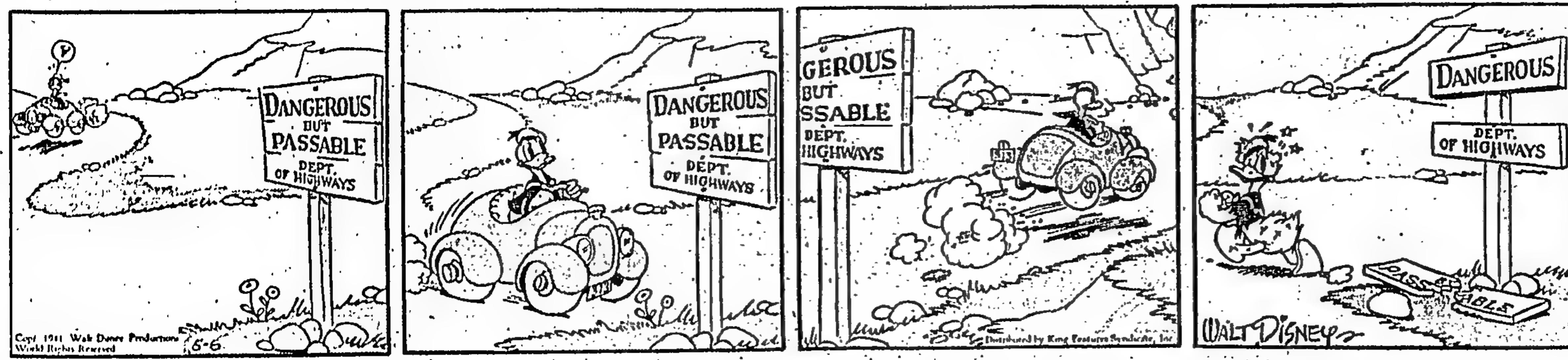
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## Too Light a Response

IN the past, many players have "held the bidding open" for their partners on entirely too liberal a basis. Their theory has been, I suppose, that to pass out an opening one-bid would reveal their object weakness and permit the opponents to reach a good contract—possibly a game contract—in comparative safety.

No one can deny that there is some logic in this theory, but there is another side to the picture which the crucial play had arrived. East is even more important. There is no sense incurring a large penalty for the sole purpose of discouraging the opponents from what they might do, one notrump (which had been a delayed double) with nothing outside finite values are required to hold the spade suit. He might hold the open, i.e., to make any response to diamond king, but he could not have partner's opening one-bid. When attacked as much value to that end, the responder holds as little as one underneath North's diamond bid, as honour-trick, he needs a five-card to the club king, over South's club suit in order to make a response at bid. Thus it was almost a sure thing the one level. He can raise if he that West had something in clubs, has four of partner's trumps, or he Acting on that sound analysis, can bid one notrump if he has two East now laid down the ace of clubs suits stopped. But, lacking these and when his partner played the values, he must pass. There is no nine, followed up with the queen and the low club. West won and ended his two good spades and long club for a penalty of four tricks, 1,100 points. I need scarcely say that this East-West team took top on the board.

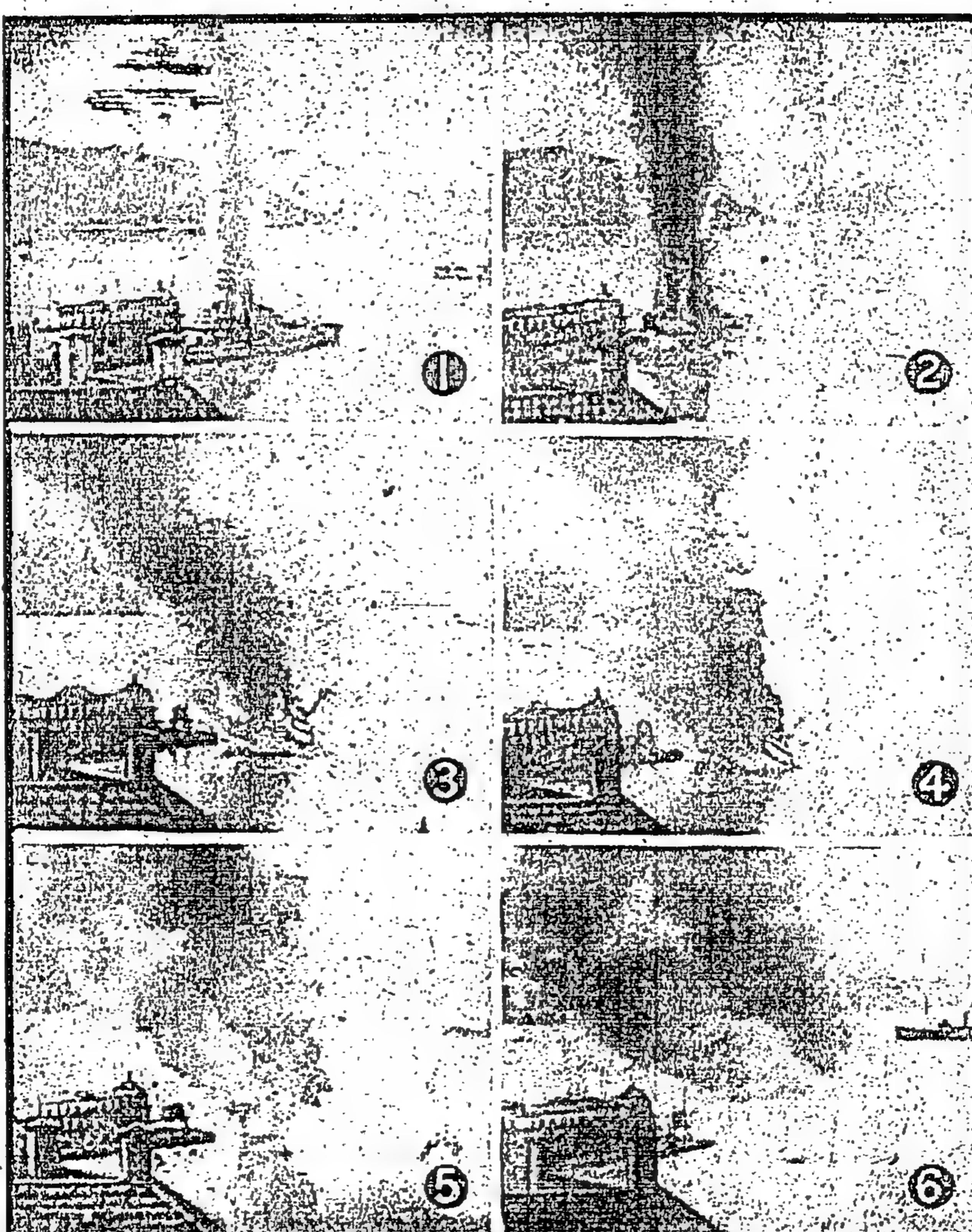
South dealer.  
 Match-point duplicate.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

To-morrow's Hand  
 Match-point duplicate.  
 Both sides vulnerable.  
 North dealer.

**Hand:**  
 ♠ K 10 8 6      ♠ Q J  
 ♡ 8 4 2      ♡ K 9 6  
 ♢ 6      ♢ 9 7 4  
 ♣ K 9 8 4      ♣ A Q 6  
 ♠ A 7 3      ♠ Q 7 3  
 ♡ J 10 7 3      ♡ K 10 9 6  
 ♢ 9 A K J      ♢ 4 2  
 ♣ J 10 5      ♣ 10 5  
 The bidding:  
 South: West: North: East:  
 1. Pass: 1. Pass: 1. Pass: 1. Pass:  
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How should this hand be bid, and

South started with a club bid so how should it be played if South is to be able to rebid easily so any reaches a six notrump contract? Opening lead in spade.



Six stages, covering only 10 minutes in all, in the sinking of the bombed German light cruiser Konigsberg at Bergen. These remarkable photographs were taken from a house overlooking the harbour and were recently smuggled out of Norway. The 6,000-ton Konigsberg had been hit by a British submarine's torpedo off the coast, and she had hardly reached apparent safety at Bergen when she was attacked and bombed amidsthips by a machine of the Fleet Air Arm.

1. Smoke column shows the accuracy of the airman's aim. 2. The cruiser moves to prevent the pier catching fire. 3. Mast has turned over acutely. 4. Bursting boilers add live steam to the smoke from the fire. 5. The cruiser has taken the plunge. 6. The sunken hull blocks the dock.

## Free France Marches with Britain

## Manning Factories

When General de Gaulle made his radio appeal to Frenchmen in June last, he not only called for men of the fighting services, but also for "the engineers and the specialist workmen of the armament industry."

What results have the Free French Forces achieved in this field?

In the seven months following, under the auspices of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, French skilled labourers have been organised into the staff of a factory for repairing aeroplanes. Here, from the director down to the youngest employee, the factory personnel is entirely French.

Other French workers have found employment in London itself. Through the International Labour Branch of the Ministry of Labour, groups of French workmen have been formed to help in the demolition and clearing up of badly bombed parts of London.

Also, through the Ministry of Labour many French working men and women have been absorbed into various industries, in which, for the greater part, they are engaged on work that is vital to the British war effort.

## Centre Syndical Francais

To create a bond between the French workers in Britain, a Centre Syndical Francais has been established, with the support of the British Trade Unions and the Federation Syndicale Internationale. This Centre was recently extremely useful in the speedy recruiting of workers to help in clearing up London.

In addition to the workers registered at the Centre Syndical Francais, the merchant sailors of the Free French Merchant Navy are likewise members.

## Cameroons Trade Agreement

An important trade pact signed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the United Kingdom, and General de Gaulle, on behalf of the Cameroons under French Mandate, was concluded recently, and a second agreement, relating to Free French Equatorial Africa, is nearly ready for signature.

## A TIMELY REMINDER

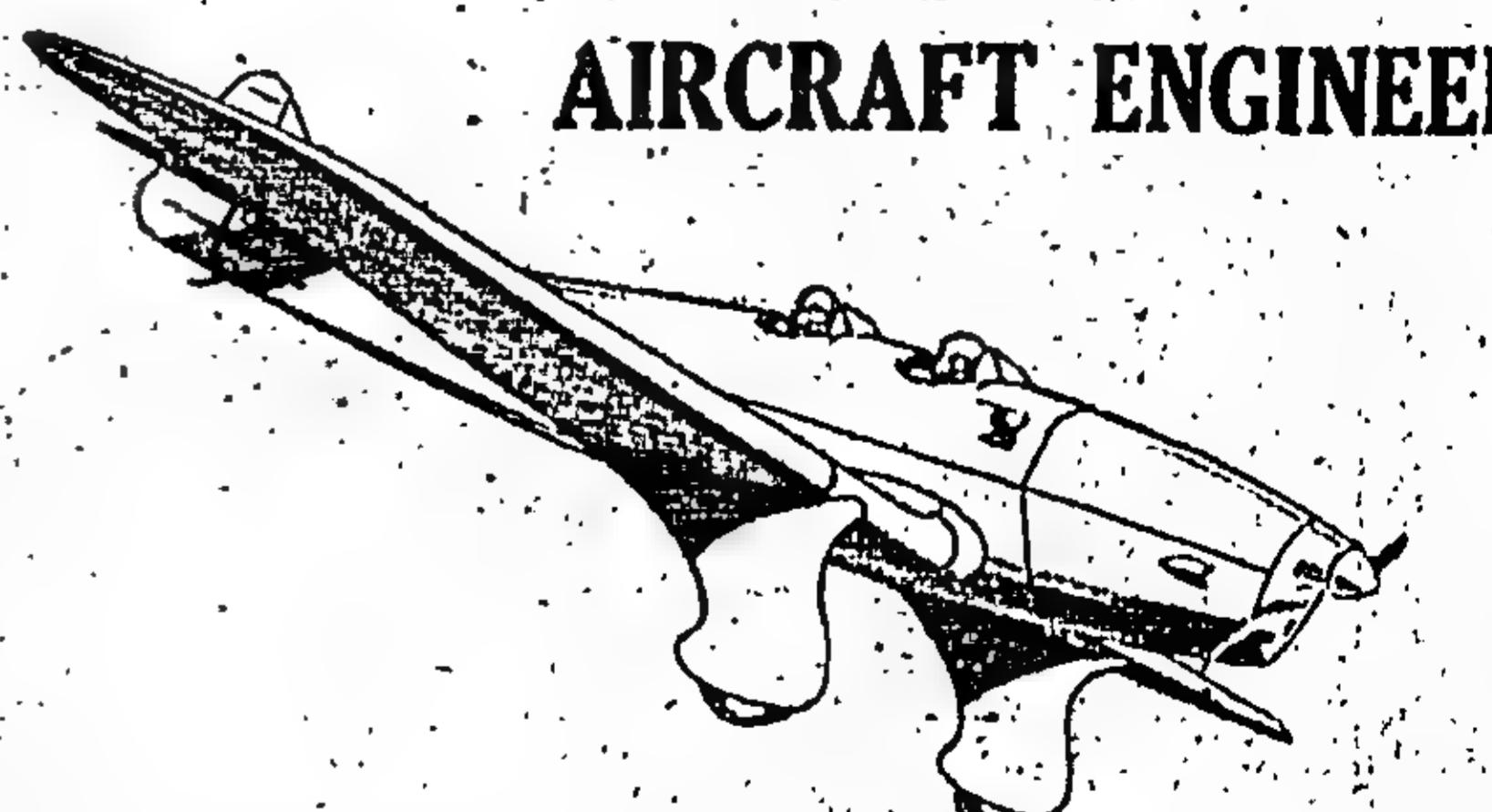


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RUSSIA, THE ENIGMA

RUSSIA, the enigma of world politics during the past three years again comes startlingly to the forefront of the international political canvas as reports accumulate, firstly of an anticipated split with her strange partner, Germany, then an alleged new economic agreement, and now mobilisation, the latter presumably with the intention of preparing to withstand a military assault by the Nazis. In the background stands Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow, whose hurried return to London, his conversations with Mr Anthony Eden and the report that he will not return to Russia because he feels that he has "failed in his mission," all tend to heighten the drama which is now going on in eastern Europe. But what all this portends is still guesswork.

One thing stands out clearly; Germany is preparing to attempt another coup. What form it will take can hardly be declared in unequivocal terms at the moment, but there are indications that she is either dissatisfied with the help she is receiving from Russia and intends to secure more either by force or negotiation, or that Hitler, supremely confident of his military might, has decided to rid himself of the shackles which have bound him to his arch enemy Communism. The alternatives are, in fact, complementary, the accomplishment of which appears to be a natural corollary to Hitler's conquest of eastern and southern Europe.

Germany's liaison with Russia was never more than a dramatic display of opportunism, representing a personal, if shallow triumph for Ribbentrop and loss of face on the part of Britain and her then ally France. Russia, however, probably made more out of the bargain than did Germany as witness first her bloodless gains in Poland and her subsequent control of the Baltic States at comparatively small cost. Gold and platinum were already being produced in some small measure, and it was believed that prospectors would discover other valuable mineral resources. There were even hints that there might be oil in considerable quantities.

The situation is fraught with

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"If the Governor read my letter to the paper the other day, this thing could have been entirely avoided!"

German People Grow Apathetic

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

Hitler is worried and puzzled by the present attitude of the German people. That is the consensus of opinion of four neutral observers who have recently left the Reich after a close study of conditions there. They have correlated their reports and placed them at the service of the authorities in London.

Hitherto the leaders of Germany have prepared their people for war by an intensive campaign of hatred against their intended victim and then, when the war begins, keeping up the hatred pressure at an ever increasing rate. Now, however, Hitler's propaganda chiefs are finding that they are not able to sustain their early successes in emotional extravagance.

The attempt to put over "Butcher" Churchill as a baby killer has failed. The suggestion that the English if victori-

ous would enter Germany and lay the country waste is negated by the existing memories of the friendliness and good humour of the British Army of occupation after the last war. Goebbels has had to admit to the Fuehrer that hatred is not what it was in the armoury of Nazi weapons.

The signing of the Lease and Lend Bill by Roosevelt has also had a depressing effect. There is no village in Germany that has not some connection with citizens of German origin in the U.S.A. The Republic of America has always been a vision of industrial power and vast wealth to the German people and the virtual declaration of war by that mighty nation has added materially to the deepening gloom.

The British Air Force, according to the neutral observers, is the next factor which is worrying Goebbels. Oddly enough it is not the inevitable casualties among civilians that worries the German people but the fact that the British pilots go through any barrage to reach their objective. The workers in the factories are showing a sharp fall in productive capacity.

The four observers agree that the people in the Third Reich are not defeatist and show no tendency to turn against the Fuehrer. They have simply reached a subnormal condition which nothing is able to change. One of the observers, a scientist, attributes this to the poor quality of the food over the last six years which is now having its effect.

This is the unanimous opinion of the four men: "The German people as a whole seem to believe neither in victory nor defeat. They are tired and dispirited and would like the war brought to an end. Hitler raves and complains about ingratitude but the fine edge of propaganda has been blunted by too much use. The depression of Germany constitutes one of Hitler's most serious problems."

most of the important towns of Italian East Africa.

Roads That Have Helped

Ironically enough, the construction of these roads was to prove one of the vital factors, a mere five years later, contributing to the speed with which Abyssinia's liberation was to be accomplished.

One fact is very striking.

Graziani's Southern Army took from Oct. 5, 1935, to April 30, 1936, to advance from the frontier of Italian Somaliland to

Dagabur. This operation was later to take our Imperial forces a matter of a few weeks only.

By far the greater part of the 130,000 Italian non-combatants said to be in the country were there labouring on road building and other public undertakings from which Italy was destined to reap so few advantages.

The building of all these roads and the establishment of telegraph and telephone services represented a colossal investment of capital and labour. But it has never yielded the Italians any dividend. On the contrary, it weakened their chances of resistance when the British Imperial troops were making their prolonged advance that culminated in the recapture of Addis Ababa.

Strategic Liability

What the extent of this Italian investment was it is impossible to calculate with any exactness. But a few figures may give some indication of its magnitude. The total weight of cargo unloaded at Italy's East African ports in 1938 was 1,053,000 metric tons, or  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  than treble the total of 313,000 tons exported from Italian East Africa.

A comparison between the value of imports and exports is even more striking. Exports from Italian East Africa for 1938 were valued by the Fascist authorities at 191,000,000 lire; the value of imports, at 2,477,000,000 lire, was more than 12 times as great. Thus, whilst Italy was pouring supplies into the country, exports from it were practically negligible.

And the exploitation of Abyssinia was rendered more difficult by the provisions whereby merchants were allowed to send goods to Italy only if they could obtain foreign exchange by exporting to non-Italian countries. Events have shown that Mussolini's white elephant was a simple liability of the first order—and, worse still, the unthankful beast proved to be blessed with a Gargantuan appetite.

It is doubtful whether Italy would have derived any benefit from her new Empire even if the Duce had not committed the folly of making an enemy of a Power in control of the seas. But one thing is certain. Italy's gigantic investment in Abyssinia in the form of capital, labour and human life never even began to yield a dividend, and now the chance of it doing so has passed.

Mussolini's White Elephant

What Italy has lost, in Money, Labour and Human Life, from Her Occupation of Abyssinia.

By PETER MATTHEWS

had fallen out of the world led the seas was bound to mean market for platinum, and a complete isolation of Italian foreign company which had kept an agent in Addis Ababa to purchase Abyssinian platinum except in so far as an occasional aeroplane might reach it from Libya, or a merchantman might find a way through the blockade and gain Mogadishu.

Meanwhile, the prospecting for minerals which had been carried out under the Emperor's orders by highly qualified foreign experts had proved exceedingly discouraging.

Undeterred by these disquieting signs, the Italians disclosed, with no little publicity, the departure in 1937 of an imposing mission of Italian and German scientists and prospectors to explore Abyssinia's possibilities. The contrast between the flamboyant announcement of the mission's departure and the modest references later to its return suggested that its findings merely substantiated the conclusions which the Emperor's experts had previously reached.

Against the eventuality of war with Great Britain, stocks of petrol, of mechanised transport and spares and of civil and military supplies of every kind had to be accumulated. For the reception of these stores only one railway, that from Jibuti to Addis Ababa, was available, and the payment of freight rates to the French company which owned the line and of the harbour dues at Jibuti, in French Somaliland, meant an unwelcome strain on Italy's foreign exchange.

A large part of the material imported went by road over the 700 miles from Asmara to Addis Ababa. The lorries had to return empty for fresh loads. The consumption of petrol must have been enormous.

Natives' Revenge

If Abyssinia was to be exploited economically, the first necessity was the establishment

of order and of a sound and effective administration. Here the Italians were handicapped by a lack of men with experience of colonial government.

In Eritrea, which was colonised before the advent of Fascism, they had achieved some success as colonial administrators. But the teachings of Fascism, with the emphasis laid upon the government of people by force rather than by consent, were the worst possible preparation for the rulers of subject native races.

The difficulties were increased by the Government's policy of copying its Libyan model and settling Italian immigrants on the most fertile land available, from which the natives had been expelled. The dispossessed Abyssinians withdrew to the mountains and forests and revenged themselves by frequent raids upon these new Italian villages.

The task of providing the country with a modern road system was taken in hand as soon as the conquest of 1935 began. Early in March, 1936, when that campaign had been in progress for only five months, there were said to be 30,000 Italians engaged on road building in Southern Abyssinia alone. One estimate puts the length of roads so far completed as in excess of 12,500 miles, about one-fifth of which are surfaced with tarmacadam.

The road spread out like a spider's web from the high plateau on which Addis Ababa stands, linking the capital with Asmara, with Jibuti, and with

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intriguing possibilities. Attempts are being made to separate the economic and political issues between Germany and Russia, but history has shown how impossible this is. If Russia concedes her economic advantages she has to all intents and purposes, sold her political soul; if she is unwilling to do this, war is the most likely result.

Sea Power

To these two formidable tasks Italian foreign policy in its blindness added a third. War against a Power which controls

## Mr Churchill's Stirring Call To His Ancestors In America

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—Thanking Rochester University of the United States for conferring on him the Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law, Mr. Winston Churchill, broadcasting to America to-day, referred to the "American confidence which I shall ever strive to deserve," and "that sense of kinship and unity which I feel exists between us this afternoon."

Speaking from Downing Street to Rochester and to the people of the United States, Mr. Churchill referred to his mother, who was born in Rochester, and his grandfather, Leonard Jerome, who ran a local paper named "Plain Dealer." Quoting Burke he said: "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."

Yet it was most agreeable to recall that the Jeromes were rooted for many generations in American soil and fought in Washington's armies for the independence of America and the foundation of the United States.

"I expect that I was on both sides then," he said and added: "I must say that I feel on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean now, and now in this time of world storm, it has given me comfort and inspiration to feel that our hands are joined across the oceans and that our pulses throb and beat as one."

"Indeed I will make so bold as to say that here at least, in my mother's birth city of Rochester, I hold a latch-key to American hearts."

### No Doubts

"Strong tides of emotion and fierce surges of passion sweep the broad expanses of the Union in this year of fate. The world is witnessing the birth throes of a sublime resolve. I shall presume to confess to you that I have no doubts what that resolve will be."

The destiny of mankind is not decided by material computation. When great causes are on the move in the world, stirring all men's souls, drawing them from their fire-sides, and casting aside comfort, wealth and the pursuit of happiness in response to impulses at once awe-striking and irresistible, we learn that we are spirits, not animals, and that something is going on in space and time, and beyond space and time, which, whether we like it or not, spurs duty.

### Wonderful Story

"A wonderful story is unfolding before our eyes. How it will end, we are not allowed to know. But on both sides of the Atlantic we all feel, and repeat all, that we are of it, that our future and that of many generations is at stake. We are sure that the character of human society will be shaped by the resolves that we make and the deeds that we do."

Stating that we need not bewail the fact that we have been called upon to face such solemn representatives but might be proud and even rejoice amid our tribulations that we have been born at this cardinal time, Mr. Churchill said that wickedness, enormous, panoplied, embalmed and seemingly triumphant, has cast its shadow over Europe and Asia. Lives and customs were broken up, Justice cast from her seat, the rights of the weak trampled down, the grand freedoms of which President Roosevelt spoke so movingly, spurned and chained; the whole structure of man and his genius, his initiative and his nobility was ground down under systems of mechanical barbarism and of organised and scheduled terror.

### Stood Alone

"For more than a year we British have stood alone, uplifted by your sympathy and respect and sustained by our own unconquerable will-power and by the increasing growth and hopes of your massive aid," said Mr. Churchill.

"In these British islands, we stand faithful guardians of rights and the deepest hopes of a dozen states and nations now gripped and tormented in base and cruel servitude. What ever happens, we shall endure to the end."

"It was but a few years ago since one united gesture by the peoples of the great and small, who are now broken in dust, would have warded off from mankind the fearful ordeal it has had to undergo. But there was no unity or vision. One by one the nations let themselves be caught and felled, by brutal violence or poisoned from within by subtle intrigue."

"And now," declared Mr. Churchill in conclusion, "the old lion on her hot cubs at her side stands alone against the hunters who are armed with deadly weapons and impelled by a desperate and destructive rage."

### Stars In Their Courses

"A tragedy to repeat itself once more? As this is not the end of the tale, the stars in their courses proclaim the deliverance of mankind. Not so easily shall the onward progress of the peoples be barred. Not so easily shall the lights of freedom die."

"But time is short. Every month that passes adds to the length and to the perils of the journey that will have to be made. United we stand. Divided we fall. Divided, the dark returns. United, we can save and guide the world."

### JAPANESE FAIL TO REACH CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—Japanese aircraft to-day attempted to raid Chungking but failed to reach the city.

Twenty-seven Japanese machines heading towards Chungking were intercepted at Liangshang, eastern Szechwan, where they dropped bombs and flew back to the base in western Hupeh.

Air raid alarm was sounded in Chungking but the "all clear" signal was given shortly afterwards.

### American Property

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—Considerable property damage was sustained by Americans in Chungking during the Japanese air raid on the city yesterday.

Besides the destruction of the American Military Attaché's office and the damage to the American gunboat Tutuila, it has been found that the office of the American Ambassador and the office of the Standard Oil Company of New York were also damaged.

It is understood that American naval supplies were stored in the Standard Oil Company's Office.

### NEW ZEALAND CONSCRIPTION

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## WANG IN JAPAN Nanking Govt Build Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOBE, June 16 (Domei).—President Wang Ching-wei of the Nanjing Government of China and his party, now on an official visit to Japan, spent the day at the Hoshien Hotel. They motored through vast throngs of people lining the highway to Kobe Station and boarded the special train placed at their disposal to-night for Tokyo where they are expected to arrive on Tuesday morning.

On the special train were eleven members of Mr. Wang's suite including Mr. Lin Po-sheng, Minister of Publicity, Mr. Chou Fo-hai, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Chu Min-yi, Chinese Ambassador, as well as 18 members of the Japanese reception committee.

Greeting Mr. Wang at Tokyo Station were the Premier, Prince Kono, and all Cabinet Ministers as well as other high civil and military officials. Following a brief exchange of greetings at Tokyo Station, Mr. Wang and his suite will proceed to the Chinese Embassy in Azabu Ward where the Emperor will dispatch an Imperial escort committee in the afternoon in order to escort the distinguished guest as an Imperial guest to the Kasumigaseki Palace.

### WARNING TO SHIPPERS

Statutory List

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic War gives notice that any vessel carrying on transhipment of enemy goods arriving at South American ports from Europe will be liable to be placed on the Ships' Statutory List.

The Ministry states that the significance of ships being placed on the "statutory list" is that they are suspect as far as Britain is concerned. They are refused all naval and applications for naval certificates are automatically declined.

It is understood that the United States Government is largely co-operating with Britain in enforcing the operation of the Ships' Statutory List so far as it means the denial of facilities."

### NOVEL SCHEME TRIED

Friends For Wounded

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—A drive for 1,000,000 American friends for China's wounded soldiers will be launched in the United States by Mr. William Hsu, pioneer, founder and moving spirit of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China, who plans to leave for America some time in July.

In his forthcoming drive Mr. Hsu has the support of the Church Committee for the Promotion of the Friends of the Wounded Movement in China and the Church Committee for China Relief in New York. The former will pay his travelling and other expenses and the latter will give him all the facilities he needs during his stay in the United States which will last three or four months.

One million American friends paying US\$1 each will mean US\$1,000,000 for the relief of China's wounded.

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# Mindanao Baseballers In League Winning Form

## Pitchers In Week-end Limelight

### South China Bow To Chung Hwa Nine

(By "Ball Fan")

Old man Pluvius again reached far and wide with his "slip-slushy" skids out at the Chatham Road ball park last week-end as drizzly trickling waters smeared the Kowloon horizon once more — to spread its well-known damp sign on Saturday's two-game major ball loop attraction, keeping the bleacher bollowers down to a meagre few. The distressing clouds cased up on Sabbath morn, allowing the glaring sun to give ball fans a break once more.



Choy Ping-fan (Chung Hwa Maroons) slides home safely, evading the outstretched hand of Hal Winglee (South China) "classic." — Ming Yuen.

### Lambert Simmel 9-2 Favourite For Derby

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—Lambert Simmel remains favourite for the Substitute Derby in the latest call-over. Odds are as follows:

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11/2 (o)	Sun Castle, 6/1 (t).
6/1 (o)	Monogram Castle.
10/1 (o)	Chateau La Rose.
100/8 (1&t; o)	Devonlawn.
100/8 (o)	Throughfare.
100/7 (o)	Starwort, 15/1 (t).
100/7 (o)	Orthodox, 100/6 (t); Ptolemy.
18/1 (t&t o)	Fairy Prince.
20/1 (o)	Cuerdley and Anna.
25/1 (o)	Owen Tudor.
25/1 (o)	Camperdown, 28/1 (t).
33/1 (t&t o)	Mazarin.
33/1 (o)	Sunny Island, Royal Academy, Petes and Selim Hassan.
50/1 (o)	Vandalian.
66/1 (o)	Single Court.
100/1 (o)	Firoz Din.

### Soccer Success In Malaya And Australia

The South China Athletic Association's football touring team scored another success in North Malaya yesterday when they beat Penang Indians by four goals to one. Chan Tak-fai (3) and Lee Shok-yau netted for the visitors.

### Victoria Beaten 8-3

Melbourne, June 16. The visiting Chinese soccer team beat Victoria to-day 8-3. — United Press.

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berry" balls, as the Honolulu pan duster sent twelve Chung Hwamen back to the bench via the whilst route.

The hitless Maroons gashed across with a three run lead in the first two frames, but were temporarily stopped when South China chalked up one in the 4th stanza, then stung out with a three run spurt in the next canto on a brace of singles by the dual brother act, Cecil and Hal Winglee.

Going into their half of the 7th down 5-4, the Caroline Hillmen broke through with that desperate tying tally when Maroon twirler Al Lau's "dead-on" plate ball bounded towards the stanza to send Harry Chin home with a short lived lifer.

Grandpa Leung's gang found their first two bingles of the tilt in the 8th, on singles by Dickie Chung and Morocco Chan, but just missed out with that climax tally when Chung was tagged making a dash for the plate.

In the eventful 9th Bill Chang took first on Harry Chin's fatal miss and after Shorty Ho had whiffed, Kenny Lo smashed out a sizzling double to right, sending the injured Bill Chang to third for that perfect "we must win" atmosphere. Pinch hitter grandpa Leung, with visions of ending the old ball game right then and there, strode to the platter with all the confidence in the world and "sing!" the lively pill took a safe ride out to right, as Bill Chang sailed eagerly home with the winning run and the ball game in the bag.

DAVE Leonard's line-searching triple in the first frame, driving in three early session runs, sparkled H.B.'s madcap Beermen in their initial victory of the year, as they took a 7-4 win from Asheville's Tennesseans.

CLOUTING out two screaming triples to pace the champions in their run-making attack, that old "Rajah" of local diamond ball tossers, Ski Powlowski, again stole the show with a starry game out at the initial sack, as the terrific M garnered their second straight win of the year, trouncing an all-round inexperienced Sapper team 12-1.

The gunboat men sent Hunkus "Crooner" Rue, second string slabman to the hill, and the singing neebore down with his "overhead shot" to tame the swinging Sappers in easy fashion, allowing a measty one hit.

The terrible M started on their victory parade in the initial stanza with a two run attack as that new deal outfields, Wee Willie Wilson skidded home on Crooner Rue's sailing single to right, and Ski Powlowski rode across the platter on a wild, heavy by Taylor after doubling to centrefield.

Manager Ival Goodman's merry-go-round men added two more marks in the 3rd canto on Ski Powlowski's first triple of the game, a single and Tony Muscavag's sacrifice hoist to deep centre; they chalked up another run in the 5th and blazed away in the 6th stanza with a seven run exploding spree as the American diamond artists came into their own at the platter.

Sapper keystone Welford Welford dashed up two rare fielding gems out there by second base making a swan-dive nab in the 2nd frame to grab Arky Vaughn's low sailing liner, and taking in Bowersox's bullet drive in the 3rd to stop a terrible M scoring rally. Welford's unorthodox ball-playing style has given the garrulous mob that "extra something" to ponder over, but from this angle, he's pretty effective on the fast improving Figueci ball machine.

PROVIDING that perfect "after you my dear Gaston," says my dear Alphonse" abetting, South China's depleted red and blueness, behind the happy-go-lucky twirling of Wally Ching, who cracked a seven innning no-hitter, lost a heartbreaking nine canto fracas, 6-5, to Chung Hwa's fade-out Maroons.

For seven long frames Grandpa Leung's Maroons just couldn't get close enough to connect with any of his hurler. Wally Ching's



Showboat Ali (H.B.) out at first despite a usual spectacular slide. Lt. Dug Goff (Asheville) at first base does the killing. — Ming Yuen.

### Helen Wills Moody Roark On Comeback Trail?

#### "Y" PLANNING TO ENTER TEAM IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

While the idea of forming a baseball team by the European Y.M.C.A. was abandoned owing to high expenditure, the proposal of organising a softball team was passed at a meeting yesterday.

The decision is submitted to the Board of Directors' approval.

Should sanction be obtained Y.M.C.A. will enter a team next season. Membership fee will fixed at \$5. Sergeant Welford, Royal Engineers, was appointed coach and secretary.

Another meeting will be held on Monday when those interested are invited to attend or to sign up in the meantime at the Y.M.C.A.

Those signed up yesterday were R. H. Nichols, W. Ireson, N. Blinman, J. Welford, R. Caine, D. Grant, D. Blackman, T. Huber, Hollands, Foley, Kilian, Ramage, Rallton, A. White.

#### League Bowls Sweep To Be Carried Forward

As the majority of the Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday were not played, the sweep for last week has been carried forward and there will be two sweeps this week.

Numbers which drew clubs in last week's sweep will be allotted the same clubs this week.

The draw for this week's sweep will take place as usual on Friday.

#### Floodlight Match

The following will represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a floodlight match against Lane, Crawford, Ltd, at Ming Yuen to-morrow at 7 p.m.:

W. Baker, W. Stonehouse, A. P. T. Buck, A. F. Paul (skip); H. A. Owens, A. G. Everett, J. F. Barron, J. F. Lunay (skip); W. E. Macfarlane, R. W. Smith, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (skip).

Matches Postponed

Because of a sudden downpour in the afternoon, the "A" Division League matches yesterday were cancelled.

Starters For Oaks

Probably starters and jockeys in the Oaks to run on Friday are:

French Kid (C. Richards), Flirt (Jones), Hippopotamus (Hill), Flirt (Jones), Wragg, Precoity (Heavy) Compton (H. Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Brennan), Saratoga (Gardner), Beau Sire (Taylor), Rockin' (Clegg), Turbante (Evans), Jerry (E. Smith), Chelan (Beasley), Firefly (—) Reuter.

#### Schedule Postponed

The Open Pairs Championship matches arranged for yesterday were cancelled almost at the last minute because of rain.

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READY TO FIGHT—President Roosevelt dedicating Woodrow Wilson's birthplace at Staunton, Va., as shrine. Seated at left are Cordell Hull, Lady and Lord Halifax, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Wilson. President said U. S. was "over ready to fight again" for democracy.

### The Origin Of O.K.

NEW YORK, June 16 (UP).—The acquiescent expression "O.K.", uttered a billion times daily, is an etymological orphan. No one has ever satisfactorily explained what the two letters stand for or how the expression arose, according to Woodford Heflin, associate editor of the Dictionary of American English.

"This supposition," he said, "has no evidence to support it other than the similarity of sounds."

Some philologists have traced the expression as far back as 1790, when slave sales were entered in court records with the notation "O.K."—believed to be a corruption of the abbreviation "O.R." for "Order Recorded."

Heflin believes the first genuine historical example of the expression is date 1815, an entry in "A Traveler's Diary of William Richardson," reading "Arrived at Princeton, a hand-some little village, O.K., and at Trenton where we dined at 1 p.m."

### Simple Skin Test For Pregnancy Discovered

Development of a simple one-hour test for pregnancy, probably the most remarkable discovery of its kind ever made, was announced recently by the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The new method is a skin test, very much like those used for allergy such as hay fever. Besides indicating pregnancy in 30 minutes to an hour, it is easy to give, and inexpensive.

The University's doctors have quietly made several hundred trials of the new test during the past year. They reported it is 98 percent reliable and detects pregnancy as early as two weeks.

The method in general use for the past decade, the Aschheim-Zondek test, in which white mice or rabbits are used, has the same percentage of reliability but requires more time, seldom detects earlier than four weeks, and costs considerably more.

The new test was developed by Dr Frederick H. Falls, head of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, who has studied the problem since 1914; Dr V. C. Freda of that department and Dr H. H. Cohen of the Physiological Chemistry Department. Dr William H. Welker, head of the Physiological Chemistry Department, was consultant.

#### Colostrum Injection

The test consists of injecting into the forearm, with a fine hypodermic needle, a minute amount of colostrum, a watery liquid secreted in the breasts during pregnancy.

No reaction occurs if the woman is pregnant, but if she is not the point of injection begins to look as if she had a mosquito-bite. A reddish area one to two inches in diameter appears. This bump raises within an hour and disappears in four or five hours.

### On Monday, June 17, 1940 THE BOMBER FUND was started.

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### Third National Finance Conference in Chungking

CHUNGKING, June 16 (Central News).—The Third National Finance Conference was opened in Chungking this morning, presided over by Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, and attended by some 250 delegates from various parts of the country.

Many high Government officials were present at the opening ceremony including Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and various cabinet ministers. Both Chairman Lin and Generalissimo Chiang delivered speeches of admonition on the occasion.

Dr H. H. Kung delivered the opening speech, following which the ceremony was concluded.

#### Agenda

The Conference agenda consists of the following items:

Collection of land tax by the Central Government;

Substitution of foodstuffs in payment of tax;

Readjustment of national and local taxes;

And readjustment of taxes in accordance with the New District Administration System.

The first plenary session of the Conference was held in the afternoon.

Following a report on the number of delegates attending and the telegrams received by Mr Kuan Chi-ye, Secretary-General of the Conference, speeches were made by Mr Hsu Kan, the newly-appointed Minister of Food, Mr Huang Yen-pel, Secretary-General of the War-time Bonds Committee, and Dr K. C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking.

Mr Wen Chun, Commissioner of Finance of Kiangsi and a delegate to the Conference, responded.

After the speeches, the Chairman reported on the procedure of examination of the proposals and designated Messrs Lu Fei-chang, Li Tang, Kao Ping-fang, Chen Tuan, Hu Mai, Wen Chun and Yen Chia-chin as members of the "Proposed Preliminary Examination Committee."

The session unanimously voted a message of tribute to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman Lin Sen and the rank and file of the frontline troops.

### ESPIONAGE IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter).—Espionage and subversive activities are engaging more people in the United States than in the last war, according to a report by the State Department to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This was revealed when the Committee was considering approval of legislation empowering the President to govern the entry and exit of aliens into the United States.

After staying in the United States for about a fortnight, Mr Shigemitsu will sail from San Francisco for Japan on July 14 aboard the *Yawata Maru*.

DELUXE TRAINS

CONSERVANCY  
WORK IN  
NORTHWEST

Remarkable progress has been achieved in water conservancy, forestation and animal husbandry in the northwest, according to Mr Shen Yi, General Manager of the Northwest Corporation for Water Conservancy, Forestation and Animal Husbandry, who arrived in Hongkong a few days ago on an official mission.

Mr Shen, who was formerly Commissioner of Public Works in Shanghai, revealed that the corporation was capitalised at \$10,000,000, of which \$7,000,000 was borne by the Bank of China and the remaining \$3,000,000 by the Kansu Provincial Government.

Dr T. V. Soong is Chairman of the Board of Directors, among whom are Mr Sung Huan-chang, General Manager of the Bank of China, Mr Tsu-ye Pei, Manager of the same bank and Mr Hwuo Yi-min, manager of the Northwest branch of the bank.

Of the capital, \$7,000,000 has been earmarked for the development of water conservancy and the balance for forestation and animal husbandry.

Those intending to avail themselves of this facility during July and August are urged to make their applications beginning June 25.

Under the new arrangement, holders of "A Class" rice tickets are entitled to 330 grammes daily, and those who intend to turn in their entire monthly ration will be allotted either 30 pounds of bread or an equivalent of flour.

French Prisoners  
Of War Free

TOKYO, June 17 (Domei).—To meet the need of those who are unable to eat rice, the municipal authorities announce that as from July 1 all foreigners or foreign-born Japanese in the metropolitan area, excepting those dining out thrice daily, will be permitted to cash in to the Ward offices their rice ration cards for a corresponding amount of flour or bread.

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The prisoners were welcomed on behalf of Marshal Petain by the Military Commander of Lyons, General Frer.

President's Son On  
Active Service

BOSTON, June 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's youngest son, John, is now on active service as an ensign in the Navy.

A notice to Mariners at the Harbour Office states that the red buoy on Riffen Rock in position Lat. 07° 30' degrees 20' 39" N. Long. 117° 04' 40" E. (approx.) on the north east coast of Borneo, has been withdrawn and will not be replaced.

Canberra Cabinet  
Meets Suddenly

CANBERRA, June 16 (Reuter).—The Federal Cabinet met unexpectedly to-day.

It was to have met to-morrow when Mr R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, was to take a nation-wide broadcast.

Vichy Attack On  
Norwegian Tanker

LONDON, June 16 (Reuter).—A Norwegian tanker was shelled by a Vichy shore battery off Ile de Los (off the coast of French Guiana, West Africa) on June 14 and was also machine-gunned by a Vichy aircraft, it is learned here.

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Served in the Snack Bar.**Servicemen's Position After War**

LONDON, June 16 (UPI)—There will be no demobilisation after the war for men in the services until they have found a job. This is one of the recommendations of a special committee appointed by the Government to work out a policy of reconstruction.

Plans for the demobilisation of sailors, soldiers, airmen and A.R.P. workers have been made by the committee.

Priority will be given to those who can return to key posts and those who will be useful in the task of rebuilding property and assisting in the general reconstruction of the country.

The remainder will be urged to stay in the forces till a full trade recovery has taken place and their posts are available.

Men will also be retained in the army as working squads for clearing up debris and constructing temporary homes for returning evacuees.

**Trade Plans**

The Government, which aims at preventing wholesale unemployment, has plans for the development of trade, and experts believe that British industry may have to be developed on different lines owing to the increased industrialisation of the Dominions resulting from their war effort.

To meet this problem, one of the first steps after the war will be the conclusion of fresh trade pacts within the Empire, which will be followed by trade agreements with the Allied countries.

**LATE NEWS****Roosevelt Closes German Consulates****FROM PAGE ONE**

some surprise when informed by the "United Press" regarding Washington's request to close the Consulates, but they flatly declined to comment, saying that "competent German officials will undoubtedly consider the matter immediately." It is doubtful if any statement will be made prior to to-morrow morning.

**Big Things Brewing**

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter)—A source here which is usually well-informed, expressed the belief to-day that big things are likely to happen soon, probably this week. They believe that the explosion of German Consuls and agents is not a single unrelated act but the first of a succession of steps.

In support of this view they point out that despite his complete recovery from a small ailment, President Roosevelt has cancelled almost all his appointments this week, presumably to give time to matters of high importance.

**Diplomatic Breach?**

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Reuter)—First reactions here to Mr Sumner Welles' announcement about the closing of German consulates and other organisations is that it is a big step towards breaking off diplomatic relations.

It is even being wondered whether Germany will reply by withdrawing her diplomats and asking for the departure of all American officials.

Past experience has shown, however, that in replying to American actions, for example the institution of the Atlantic patrol, the Germans will accept such blows to her prestige without retaliation.

Even so, the United States order will be a hard blow to the German cause here.

**Bombshell Announcement**

Mr Welles' announcement fell like a bombshell on the Press conference at which the German official news agencies representatives were present. It was followed by a stampede of journalists through the corridors of the State Department in search of telephones.

It is common knowledge that the German Library of Information in New York has been one of the chief centres of German propaganda. The administration also probably knows that the general public suspect that German consulates in the United States are less for strictly consular business than for organising and plying Germans and Americans of German descent who remain closer to their fatherland than to their adopted country.

**Organization Crippled**

German organisations on the American continent will be severely affected and it is not expected that the diplomatic staff left behind can hope to carry on the work of the great network of agencies which Germany has in all States in the Union.

Washington observers will not be surprised if Latin-American countries take a similar step to that taken by the United States to-day.

**Philippines Included**

WASHINGTON, June 16 (UPI)—State Department sources have confirmed that Manila is included in the requests for closure and expulsion of German consulates and agencies. It is understood that Mr Francis Sayre, the High Commissioner, has desired such a move for a long time.

**It was revealed that Federal agents had been scrutinising all consular agents' activities for months and had also closely followed the activities of those accredited to the German Library of Information and tourist agencies.**

Information gathered by the F.B.I. showed that the Library of Information has 42 employees subject to expulsion.

Officials said that safe conduct will be sought for the return of the German consuls home as well as employees, despite their lack of official standing, and the officials of other departments.

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Immigration authorities had recently refused to accredit 20 Germans who entered the United States on visitors' permits and ordered their return to Germany.

Congressional investigation showed that the Nazi consulates were a "hot bed of Nazi activity." The State Department had warned the German Embassy that Nazi consuls interfering with the internal affairs of the United States would be expelled.

The possibility that Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe, very close friend of Ernest Weidmann, Nazi Consul at San Francisco, may have given the Government valuable information about Weidmann and his activities as a price for avoiding deportation is advanced in some quarters, and it is declared that the Department of Justice dropped proceedings against the Princess because she gave "important data", the nature of which has not been revealed, but it is presumed it involved Weidmann.

Along the coast, the Australians consolidated their position at Sidon but did not push northward towards Beirut. The Australians lost their naval artillery support when the British fleet was forced to withdraw from their exposed position along the coast due to French air and sea attacks and a German air attack on the naval base at Cyprus.

French seaplanes which flew to Syria recently across the Mediterranean, arrived at Beirut only this morning and immediately went into action against the British fleet with torpedoes and bombs. The French reported that they had scored at least two direct hits immobilising one destroyer and setting fire to another, at the same time shooting down three British Gladiator planes.

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